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"Justice for Otsego" founder succumbs to cancer

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Mary Zack, founder of the advocacy group Justice for Otsego, passed away on Saturday, March 1. She was 43.

An Otsego native, Zack was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1997 at the age of 17.

In the years that followed, Zack witnessed several of her classmates, family members and friends develop various cancers and other diseases. Wanting answers, she started Justice for Otsego in 2018.

With the support of noted environmental activist Erin Brockovich, Zack began uncovering information related to pollution in the area. Her research uncovered the presence of PFAS, man-made "forever chemicals" that have been linked to numerous health issues.

"Over the past seven years, Mary has tirelessly uncovered critical information about illegal dumping, pollution and the methods used to spread toxic waste along county roads," said a statement on the Justice for Otsego Facebook page. "Her findings revealed the presence of harmful substances like PFOS, PFAS and dioxins, which have likely contributed to the generational health crises in the area, with evidence of toxic waste dumping dating back to the 1960s."

Zack was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2022, which later metastasized to her bones.

Despite facing her own health issues, however, Zack never stopped fighting for her hometown. And just last month, those efforts paid off in the form of a $500,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) to continue research and help those affected by this issue.

Mary Zack

Jennifer Lee Johnson, director of Toxic Action Lab and associate professor at Michigan State University, has been working with Zack on the project.

"We'll absolutely continue her legacy of hard work and dedication to her community and to the people there that she cares about, which is the entire place," Johnson told WWMT.

"If people want to have their wells tested or are interested in having soil tested in their gardens, or their agricultural fields or what have you, we'll be doing that. We'll have resources as part of that grant to make that available."

Friends may visit with Zack's family from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, or 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, at the Winkel Funeral Home in Otsego. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 10, at St. Margaret Catholic Church, with Rev. Fr. Simon Manjooran officiating.

Private burial will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Contributions in memory of Zack may be made to the Mary Zack Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Ellen Zack.

County residents dissatisfied with local propane company after buyout

By Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

If there's one thing rural residents rely on this time of year, it's propane.

Hopkins Propane is the area's largest propane supplier. Founded in 1958, Hopkins served as the Grand Rapids Area's premier independent propane supplier for over 60 years.

In 2021, they were bought out by Superior Plus Propane, a Pennsylvanian company with operations in nearly 20 states.

Unfortunately, though, and ever since the acquisition, customers have been left far from satisfied.

A quick search for "Hopkins Propane" on Facebook, will reveal tons of posts from disgruntled customers.

Many are from those enrolled in Hopkins' auto-refill service, who claim that despite running low on fuel, a refill isn't dispatched to them.

Others say that even when they call and specifically request a refill, it's just not delivered. The customer service representative either blows them off, or promises day after day that a refill will be sent out, but it never is.

Judy Funk is a resident of Plainwell and a former longtime customer of Hopkins Propane. After her tank ran empty twice this winter, she posted in the Allegan County Informed Facebook group that she's switching to their competitor.

Hopkins Propane's Shelbyville headquarters on 12th Street near 128th Ave, circa 2022. Photo from Google Maps.

Less than three weeks later, her post now has over 450 reactions and nearly 200 comments, mostly from people voicing similar concerns and saying she's made the right choice.

WWMT News Channel 3 was able to catch Funk for an interview and learn the exact problems she had with Hopkins Propane.

"It was Dec. 12. We were down to about 15%, and I called them, and I paid $790 to have propane delivered," said Funk to WWMT.

She stated that although her tank kept getting lower and lower, she never heard back from them.

She eventually called them twice more and was promised each time that a refill would be coming.

"It always seemed like it was like, 'blame the other department.' Like, 'Oh, yeah, I see where it's been created, but the dispatcher hasn't put it on the schedule yet," Funk told WWMT.

Funk said that by the New Year, her tank finally ran out, leaving her family without heat or hot water. They had to rely on an electric burner for cooking and space heaters for warmth.

Finally, after five days without propane, and 24 days after her first call, Hopkins Propane refilled her tank on January 5th.

According to historical forecast data from weatherunderground.com, temperatures were in the 20s during those five days.

In her closing words with WWMT, Funk said, "It seems like they're just trying to run the business into the ground because they're not doing anything right. I'm hoping that this will pressure them into realizing that they need to do something."

WWMT News Channel 3 also stopped by Hopkins Propane's Shelbyville headquarters. No official comments were made, but they were told that the company is aware of the problems and doing all they can to fix them.

Eventually, a spokesperson from Superior Plus provided the following statement to WWMT:

"At Superior Plus Propane, our top priority is safely delivering propane to our customers. We apologize for the delays some of our customers are experiencing and understand their frustration. Ongoing winter weather conditions can lead to higher propane use and make delivering propane difficult and sometimes dangerous. We are actively working to address any emergency needs and complete deliveries as safely and efficiently as possible."

Superior Plus urges anyone with questions, or customers experiencing problems, to call the Shelbyville office at 269-792-7205.

They can also log in to their online account portal or read about the best practices for propane delivery and tank maintenance during inclement weather at https://www.superiorpluspropane.com/.

Deer tries to crash through county medical care facility window

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — Former Allegan County commission chairman James Story reported last month Allegan County Medical Care Facility Director Kim Turcott was walking to her car at the end of the day when a deer rushed by her, leaped at a window of a patient room, knocking but not breaking the window, entered the room, and then promptly jumped back out.

"Before the deer exited, Ms. Turcott alerted her staff to close the door to the unoccupied room so the animal wouldn't run the corridors of the expansive facility," Storey said. "However, it proved unnecessary as the deer left on its own accord without further incident.

"Fortunately, that particular room was unoccupied," Turcott said. "If it had been the one next door, it could have injured a resident."

The window was repositioned back into place. A herd of 20 deer inhabit parts of the county's Dumont Lake campus where the medical care facility is located.

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Allegan student's art announces the 15th Annual Art in the Garden

By Gari Voss

The 15th Annual Art in the Garden hosted by the Allegan Area Art Council (AAAC) will be Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10am-4pm at the Silo 1071 32nd St M-40, Allegan.

AAAC President Judi McCall explained, "It is a different art-centric event this year. The themes are 'Connecting Generations' and Ekphrastic Art'. Many of our local artists will return, but many new artists have registered."

To help describe the breath of this year's offerings, "The word **ekphrasis** comes from the Greek language and is used for a vivid, often dramatic, verbal description of a visual work of art."

Chair Jude Hardin shared, "We are excited to welcome artists and vendors in all mediums including theater, music, pottery, fiber arts, plants and more. It is a special anniversary celebration."

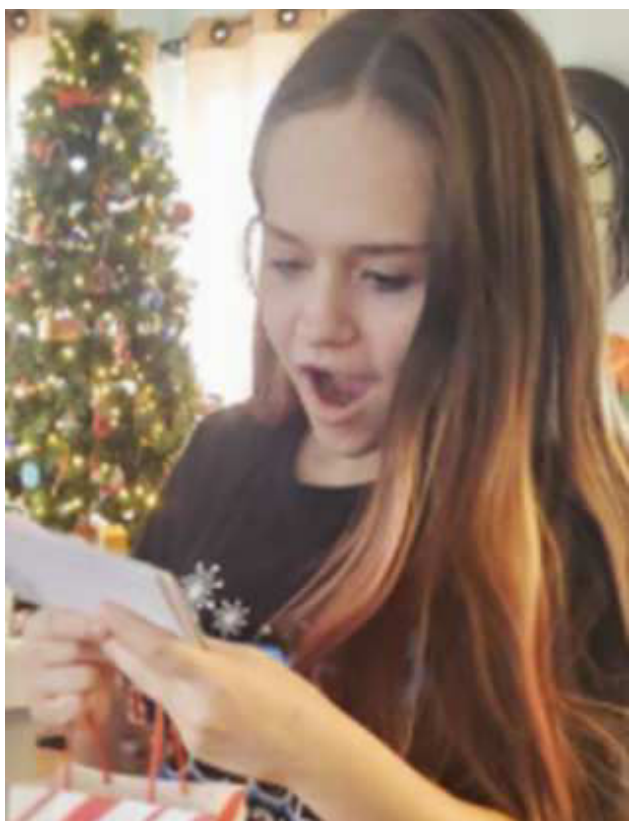
New this year will be a variety of workshops that will be offered on the lower level of The Silo. Carol Doeringer will do readings from her new book *If You Wake a Skunk*. In addition, a group from Kalamazoo will share their poetry, Spike Kuntz will offer a workshop on improvisation, Lori Hibma of Cottage Arts & Eats shares some secrets, and Sharon Jager of Sharon's Quilts & More will delve into fabric arts. The day will end with music by Kitten and the Tonics

To find the final listing of workshops, check in at https://www.alleganarts.com/. Consider joining AAAC to receive newsletters and timely information about other AAAC events.

Mon., March 17, 5-7pm: Art Reach 5 will host an artist reception at the Griswold Auditorium's Marilla Lounge. The current display containing 56 pieces by 19 artists will be exhibited at the Griswold and Allegan City Hall until April 30, 2025. Many of the pieces will be for sale.

Sat., April 12, 2025, 10am-4pm: 15th Annual Art in the Garden at the Silo, 1071 32nd St. Allegan.

Mon., April 14, 2025, AAAC members will take a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago. Attendees will carpool to Michigan City and take the South /shoreline train into the city. For a special fee, members will view the work of Frida Kahlo.



Addison Martin

Sheriff's Office K9s Kyro and Zadok receive donation of body armor

Allegan County Sheriff's Office, MI, K9s Kyro and Zadok have received bullet and stab protective vests thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Both vests were sponsored by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and were embroidered with the sentiment "Born to Love-Trained to Serve-Loyal Always".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,918 vests valued at $6.9 million to K9s in all 50 states made possible by both private and corporate donations.

Wayland Union Schools celebrate inclusion

By Elizabeth Stein and Karle Timmer

Mrs. Wright's Kindergarten at Baker Elementary showed their Red-Spect on Monday. After signing their "InclUSion needs US" banner, they celebrated their friends.

In the world of education, you often hear about the importance of inclusion, but what does that mean? Historically, students with disabilities were often overlooked or excluded from traditional classrooms, but since the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) originally enacted in 1990, schools are emphasizing inclusive education, celebrating diverse learning styles and abilities, and fostering an environment where every student can thrive.

During the week of February 24 – 28, 2025, Wayland Union Schools held their first district-wide Inclusion Week. The goal was to teach students, staff, and community members about inclusive practices for students with disabilities.

Each day, students participated in lessons about inclusion/friendship, staff members received an email sharing new ideas about inclusive practices, and community members received education about what inclusion looks like in our community through social media posts. Wayland Union Schools believes that inclusion isn't just a policy, it's a pathway to success for every student! When we integrate special education practices into our classrooms, we're creating an environment where every learner is celebrated, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Inclusive practices enhance social skills, provide real-world preparation, improve academic outcomes, and build stronger communities. Our district is proud to be a part of a legacy that continues to evolve, ensuring that every learner is given the opportunity to shine. We truly believe that "all means all," and we hope that Inclusion Week brought awareness to various disabilities.

Writers: Elizabeth Stein is the Communications Specialist, and Karle Timmer is a Level 2 Special Education Teacher at Steeby Elementary Inclusion Week at Wayland Union Schools.

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"Pawsitive Change" goal reached

By Gari Voss

The L.E. White Middle School Student Council in Allegan, Mi decided in the fall of 2024 that they would like to make a Pawsitive Change to the school environment. That change had already begun through the work of the Student Council and the Be Nice Team, but the biggest change would be obtaining a facility dog from Paws With A Cause in Wayland, MI.

The students had witnessed the effects that Dublin, another PAWS dog, had on the high school students. The seed was planted, and the student body began seeking donations and found ways to earn the $10,000 needed to obtain a trained facility dog. Then they wanted to earn another $5,000 to have in the "bank" for food and equipment.

The money had been dribbling in through Go Fund Me and other donations. But the goal had not yet been reached when the students began their Walk-a-Thon on Friday, February 28, 2025. One class at a time did laps around the Field House.

Principal Laura Feffer shared that as of Monday, March 3, 2025, the students had raised over $12,000 which includes a match of $2,500 from Taylor Lake and Modern Woodmen. A donation of an additional $5,000 from Judy Graff, who had assisted the high school in obtaining Dublin, brought the total to over $17,000.

The Student Council and Ms. Feffer can now move forward with contacting Paws With A Cause to begin the process of "interviewing" possible facility dogs and making plans for getting the dog introduced to its new home and family then to the school environment. FYI: Not all dogs have the personality for a career with Middle School students, so PAWS trainers assist each step of the way.

Congratulations to the students and staff at L.E. White for bringing about Pawsitive Change!

Hundreds of 6th, 7th and 8th graders at L.E. White Middle School walked or ran hundreds of laps during their Walk-a-Thon on Feb. 28, 2025, to earn enough money to obtain a facility dog. Facility dogs have demonstrated an ability to change an environment for students and staff. The students began their quest in the fall of 2024 and by March 3, 2025, they had earned over $12,000 toward their goal thanks to Taylor Lake and Modern Woodmen. A donation from Judy Graff ensured that the total goal was surpassed, and the process now begins to find their Pawsitive friend.

Camdyn Drozd (right), a member of the student council and top money raiser for Pawsitive Change at L.E. White Middle School, is joined by Tiger, teacher Mike Zimmer, teacher Jared Weber, parent volunteer and School Board member Amanda Nash, and Kara Logan. After an extremely successful Walk-a-Thon, all can celebrate reaching the goal to obtain a facility dog for the middle school.

Researchers testing Otsego, Plainwell for PFAS

Otsego and Plainwell residents are working with researchers from Michigan State University (MSU) who are testing for PFAS and forever chemicals.

The Toxic Action Lab's three-year project aims to provide answers for residents who believe decades of contamination made them sick.

"The frustration and the anger and the sadness that has been so prevalent in these communities," said Toxic Action Lab researcher Cal Kohn. "It's just every time I do one of these interviews, it just becomes that much more clear to me why we're doing this work."

The Toxic Action Lab received half a million dollars from Michigan's Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to test both communities for over 60 types of forever chemicals.

The group is working alongside Justice for Otsego, a group formed by Mary Zack.

Zack grew up in Otsego and was diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer when she was just 17 years old. In 2025, she is battling cancer again.

The group believes toxic waste from nearby landfills used by paper mills and located in flood plains has seeped into community wells and creeks through runoff.

The group also tested Otsego soil and tap water for PFAS.

"This group of people is passionate, and they should be, and they know that there has been an injustice here, and they've kind of laid it out on the table," said researcher Karleigh Duffied. "So as researchers, it's an excellent opportunity, and we're very grateful to be able to work with such a strong sense of community here."

The Toxic Action Lab urges community members to contact EGLE if they are concerned with their drinking water. They also recommend installing reverse osmosis filters to filter out possible PFAS.

Results for the PFAS tests taken in Otsego will be available in three weeks.

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Ganges announces renovation at Pier Cove Park

Ganges Township announces the upcoming renovation of Pier Cove Park's beach access, a project made possible through a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Construction, led by Riverworks Construction, is scheduled to begin on March 24, 2025, and continue through Memorial Day.

During this time, the beach access and parking area will be closed to the public for safety and to allow for the successful completion of improvements.

The renovation will enhance the visitor experience with:

- Improved views of Lake Michigan
- Reconstructed stairs for safer and more durable beach access
- Accessibility improvements to accommodate all visitors
- New seating areas for scenic enjoyment

"We appreciate the community's patience as we complete these much-needed improvements," said John Hebert, Supervisor. "This project will enhance the beauty, safety, and accessibility of Pier Cove Park for years to come."

Donations are still being sought to support the project, and more information on how to contribute will be provided soon. Those interested in contributing can contact Ganges Township to learn more about how they can help.

Ganges Township looks forward to welcoming visitors back to an improved Pier Cove Park this summer once construction is complete.

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EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Tues., Mar. 4, 2025, 5-8pm: Free Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Thurs., Mar. 6, 2025, 7pm: Allegan Jaycee General Meeting
Sassy Olive 125 Locust St. Allegan
Fri., Mar. 7, 2025, 4-7pm: Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening
Guild Mortgage 139 Riverfront Plaza Allegan
Sat., Mar. 8, 2025, 5-8pm: Allegan Co. 4-H Spring Auction
Flokstra Farms 5075 Russcher Rd. Holland
Sun., Mar. 9, 2025, 2pm: Cabin Fever Reliever Concert
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
March Quilt Show
Allegan District Library will display Iron Bridge Quilters work.
Allegan County Survey
Be sure to complete the online survey.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tues., Mar. 4, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Story Time w/ Help Me Grow, Allegan
5:30pm: Gentle Yoga. Stacy Harbour will guide us through a gentle full-body practice. Registration required 269 673-4625.

Tues., Mar. 4, 2025, 5-8pm: Mardi Gras Free Pancake Supper
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Everyone is welcome to have a Pancake Supper complete with sausage and fruit. Enjoy the Mardi Gras atmosphere and jazz music.

Wed., Mar. 5, 2025, 2-4pm: Wings of Hope at Friends
1st Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Maria Hawk for Wings of Hope will discuss the services offered in Allegan and surrounding counties.

Wed., Mar. 5, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
6pm: Wiggle Worms Play n' Learn. 0-3 yr. olds. Drop in.
6pm: Pintesting. Space Craft. Make a trending craft. Registration required 269 673-4625.

Wed., Mar. 5, 2025, 6-8pm: Hydrangeas
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn to paint lovely hydrangeas. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr. For info email. brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Thurs., Mar. 6, 2025: Library Fun
10:30am: Preschool Storytime w/Help Me Grow. Drop in with 3-5 year olds and enjoy books and fun.
3:30pm: Tween STEAM Club – Edible Moon Phases? 5-8 graders will enjoy creating phases of the moon with Oreos. Registration required 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Mar. 6, 2025, 1-3pm: Hydrangeas
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn to paint lovely hydrangeas. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr. For info email. brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Thurs., Mar. 6, 2025, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Bring a friend and check your memory!

Thurs., Mar. 6, 2025, 7pm: Allegan Jaycee General Meeting
Sassy Olive 125 Locust St. Allegan
All under the age of 40 are invited to attend and find out about Jaycees.

Fri., Mar. 7, 2025, 4-7pm: Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening
Guild Mortgage 139 Riverfront Plaza Allegan
Come for the 4pm Ribbon Cutting and stay for the Open House with food, beverages & giveaways!

Fri., Mar. 7, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Tween/Teen ED Print Necklace. 5-12 graders can paint a unique 3-D necklace. Registration required 269 673-4625.
6pm: Teen Nerf Night. 5-12 graders battle with friends among the stacks then have some snacks.

Sat., Mar. 8, 2025, 5-8pm: Allegan Co. 4-H Spring Auction
Flokstra Farms 5075 Russcher Rd. Holland
Join the 4-H Spring Council Auction. Enjoy food from the IDK Kitchen Food Truck, bit on Silent Auction items, and participate in the Live Auction that begins at 6pm.

Sat., Mar. 8, 2025, 6-10pm: Comedy Night
LYNX Golf Course 900 M-89 Otsego
Tickets include dinner, show & dessert. Reservation required https://lynxgc.com/calendar.

Sun., Mar. 9, 2025, 8am-Noon: Pancake Breakfast
Fennville Area Fire Department 599 W Fennville St. Fennville
Come for a wonderful breakfast that will be served by donation only.

Sun., Mar. 9, 2025, 9am-12:30pm: Pancake Breakfast
SMV Community Center 2455 146th Ave Byron Center (New Salen)
Enjoy eating or taking our buttermilk, potato and blueberry pancakes, sausage links and patties, ham, omelets, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy and fruit served up by N. Allegan Right to Life. Adults $10, Kids $5. In addition, a Bake Sale will be available.

Sun., Mar. 9, 2025, 2pm: Cabin Fever Reliever Concert
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy the Great Lakes Brass with high energy music inspired by New Orleans.

Mon., Mar. 10, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Play-Doh Play Lab. Ages 0-7 can enjoy being creative.
1pm: Craft & Snack. Drop in with your own project and enjoy conversation and snacks.

Tues., Mar. 11, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand Street Allegan
ALL Vets are welcome to drop in, and have coffee, cinnamon rolls, and great fellowship. Invite other Vets to join the gathering. Questions? Call 269 673-3335.

Tues., Mar. 11, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Story Time. 0-2 yr. olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Discover 4-H w/MSU. Ages 5-12 can drop in enjoy 4-H activities.
6:30pm: Book Club. Drop in and discuss *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.

Wed., Mar. 12, 2025, 2pm: Recess for Adults
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Play with clients of the ARC of Allegan.

Wed., Mar. 12, 2025, 2:30pm: Heart Health for Friends
Ascension Borgess Allegan 555 Lynn St. Allegan
Gather at the hospital for refreshments in the Michigan Room to meet with Dr. Kotaru at 3pm.

Wed., Mar. 12, 2025, 5:30-8pm: Birches
Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 1-3:30pm: Birches
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
This messy class will teach you a variety of strategies for creating birches in your paintings. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr. For info email. brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. Drop in with 3-5 year olds and enjoy books and fun.
3:30pm: Teen Craftnoons – DIY Picture Frames 5-12 graders can drop in to make picture frames.
6-7pm: Wellness w/Amanda. Drop in and Amanda Roden will help participants become healthier.

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 5pm: 80 Yr. Plainwell Rotary Celebration
Lake Doster Golf Club 116 Country Club Blvd. Plainwell
Celebrate 80 years with networking, dinner, a guest speaker & cash bar. Reservations on https://www.facebook.com/events/920624763610997

Thurs., Mar. 13, 2025, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Bring a friend and check your memory!

Fr., Mar. 14, 2025, 3:30pm: Tween & Teen Pi Day & Trivia
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Celebrate National Pi Day with rounds of trivia. Registration required 269 673-4625.

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 2-7pm: Everybody's Irish
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, noon-5pm: St. Patrick's Bar Crawl
Plainwell City Hall 211 N. Main St. Plainwell Bus Pick Up
Enjoy a crawl to The LYNX, Brewster's, Salvinos and 1871 Taphouse for appetizers, party favors and adult beverages. Limited seating. Order tickets at Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber. 269 694-6880

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 6:30pm: Cash Party! For the Educational Foundation
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan
Purchase a ticket at edfoundationofaps@alleganps.org and enjoy fun, food and entertainment.

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025, 8pm: St. Partrick's Day Bash w/TRAPPED ON MARS!
Eagles 110 Chestnut St. Allegan
All are welcome to come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day Weekend with your friends at the Allegan Eagles and TRAPPED ON MARS! We'll be bringing the Rock, Funk, Pop & Punk

Sun., Mar. 16, 2025, 2pm: Tilt Book Club
Tilt 118 118 Brady St. Allegan
Discuss *The Three Lives of Cate Kay* by Kate Fagan. Bring questions or thoughts to discuss.

Sun., Mar. 16, 2025, 7:30pm: The Bird Day Party
The Tilt 118 Brady St. Allegan
Welcome to Birdie's Bar when the irregular regulars throw Bridy a birthday party that unwelcome guests turn into a madcap escapade. Get tickets at allegan-communityplayers.org. Order food before 6:30pm and drinks by 7pm then sit back and enjoy the fun. Seating is limited. Tickets may or may not be available at the door.

Mon., Mar. 17, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Drop In Lego Club for 6-12 year olds.
3:30pm: Tween & Teen Trivia Time for 6-12 graders. Fun with Jeopardy & snacks.
6pm: Craftastic Register by calling (269) 673-4625.

Tues., Mar. 18, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime for 0-2 yrs. olds & caregivers. Enjoy stories & fun.
6pm: Geocaching 101 Ages 12 and up can learn from Peter Hoyt what is needed and how to play.
6pm: Library Board Mtg.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, 11am-6pm: Red Cross Blood Drive
Griswold Auditorium basement Hubbard St. Allegan
Sign up to donate at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive or drop in.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, Noon-2pm: 2025 Allegan County Gives & Volunteer Fair
The Silo M40 S. Allegan
Tied to Allegan County Gives, MACC will hold its second Volunteer Fair open to all interested in learning about volunteer opportunities. All are welcome to meet with participating organizations. Grant drawings and participant tote bags will be available.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, 4-6pm: Food Addicts Anonymous with FRIENDS
1st Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Karen DeHaan from FAA Organization will discuss about the principles of Food Addiction. Healthy snacks will be served.

Wed., Mar. 19, 2025, 5:30pm: Pub Quiz Trivia
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1. Ordinance 527 An Ordinance to Amend the City of Allegan Zoning Map to change the zoning district for Parcel 03-51-105-258-00 and 03-51-200-069-00 from a zoning designation of C-1 Central Business District to a zoning designation of C-2 General Commercial District.

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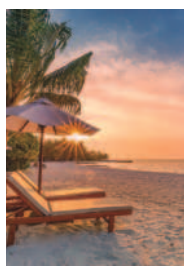

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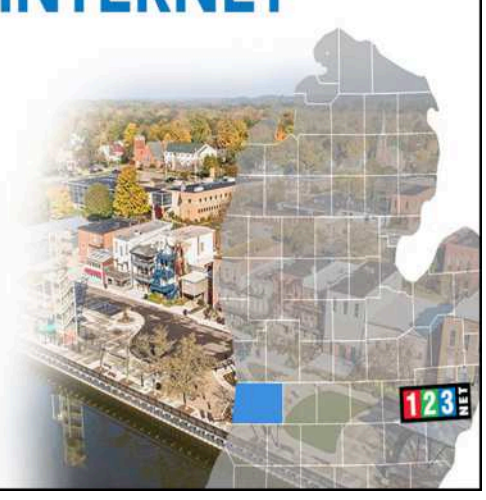

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MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX

■ PUBLISHER ■

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has received a lot of attention in the news lately. Led by Elon Musk, his minions of young computer nerds have found billions of dollars of waste and fraud taking place in our vast bureaucracy. Musk believes that waste can be cut out of all government departments to the tune of $2 trillion dollars.

On the surface this is a tremendous service to the taxpayer. We, as a nation, are $37 trillion in debt, with that number increasing every second and minute of every day. It wasn't long ago, during the Clinton presidency that we had a balanced budget. How times have changed. We must get a handle on a problem that may bankrupt our nation. Musk, by gutting some federal agencies and NGO's is making waves and a whole slew of enemies but also cutting back on our runaway debt.

Of course, some of the found money will be used to further reduce debt, but both President Trump and Musk have floated an idea that would actually cut checks back to taxpayers. The thought is since it has been our money that has been utilized by legislators and bureaucrats to spend and create their pet projects, that if they are discontinued, some of that money should come back to us.

I wholeheartedly agree. If you can cut hundreds of billions of dollars in frivolous spending, send a portion back to the taxpayers. The number being floated is $5000 per taxpayer. I don't know about you, but that's a substantial amount of change to this taxpayer.

Talk about jump starting the economy. Many of us would turn around and spend that $5000 on goods and services, which in turn would provide a springboard for lower inflation and interest rates. I don't know about you, but I am sick and tired of the sticker shock I experience every time of go to pay for groceries.

For Trump and Musk who have taken a lot of heat in their attempt to reduce government spending, it would take away a portion of the argument that they are killing programs and firing good government workers simply to reduce the deficit.

One can't argue that a few good people have been fired, but as we know the long arm of the bureaucracy reaches across a whole spectrum of big business. Most likely most if not all of these people will land on their feet with better jobs and benefits. Certainly the $5000 and the generous severance packages they are being offered will help them as well.

As far as the programs and NGO's that have sprung up by the hundreds over the past several years, they can find their own funding. As a taxpayer I want my money to pay for essential services like social security, Medicare and our military. If it is important to fund programs in other countries, let the NGO find money in another way, other than from the taxpayer.

Taxpayers deserve to be compensated. We didn't send money to the IRS to be wasted on programs that do not benefit us. Send us $5000. It would be a great gesture from a government that is known for taking but not giving.

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Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

The American psychiatrist William Glasser died over a decade ago, and I suspect he has more or less disappeared off our collective radar screen. He was the founder of Reality Therapy and the author of Choice Therapy in the mid-1960s. Suffice it to note that he was never well received by the followers of Freud, Jung, and a many others in his field.

According to one story, Glasser had a young patient who was troublesome. His parents had taken him from one psychiatrist to another, and none of it was very successful. When he brought to Glasser's practice, the psychiatrist carefully read through all of the case notes, then looked at the young man and in so many words said, "You and I both know you're a miserable little kid." He dropped the dime on him, told him the gist of the notes, and finally told him he had choices to make, and wanted to know he was going to do about it.

No one had ever talked like that to him before, and it caught his attention. It did not take long for him to start making changes because he was given a choice. He could either stay the way he was, and probably end up in jail or a morgue, or he could change his life. It was a sharp wake-up call, and apparently the young patient took it to heart.

Imagine an adult talking that way to a child today. When Glasser began writing about his theories and practice, only 12 per cent of teenagers believed they were truly important and destined for greatness. Today, it is over 80 per cent. For many of them, it brings a sense of entitlement that is toxic. It is almost as if we have moved into that mythical Minnesota town of Lake Woebegone where the men are good looking, the women are strong, and all the children are above average.

With that wild shift in statistics, we have become much quicker to blame someone or something for all of our problems, challenges, and misery. It's "them evil Democrats" or "those wicked Republicans," that make my life miserable. It is the Federal Reserve, public policy, the immigrants (legal and illegal), and everyone else. It's the Baby Boomers who won't die quickly enough so the younger generations can get their inheritance. Worse, it is the Baby Boomers who go on cruises, play golf, and go out for dinner, who are ruining our future by spending 'our' inheritance.

Glasser's method was to look at the person for an uncomfortable long time and then growl, "Oh grow up and take some responsibility for yourself." He would not write prescriptions for medications to numb someone to their pain but tell them to get to work on making changes that will improve their life.

Oh, the poor dears might have to engage their brains to make choices, and then roll up their sleeves and get to work instead of having everything handed to them.

The harsh reality is that even if we do everything right, there is no guarantee that we are going to be exceptional or a success.

Somerset Maugham wrote a short story, The Verger, which told the tale of an older man who had an important but low paying job at a prestigious church in London. When the new vicar discovered his verger was illiterate, he gave him a month to learn how to read and write. The date came, the verger had not made sufficient progress, and was fired. Lonely, depressed, and worried he walked home and realized that the street did not have a tobacconist. He started a business, and it did so well that he opened a chain of stores. When his bank manager found out that he could not read or write, he exclaimed, "Just imagine where you would be today if you knew how to read!" The now millionaire said, "Oh, I'd probably be the verger at my old church."

That is more than a fairy tale. It happens in real life, as well. Early last June an executive with a large advertising agency told of having to lay off half a dozen employees a year ago. One of them was in tears, worried about her financial future, and beside herself as she left his office. A year later, she made an appointment to see him. She walked into his office, shoulders back and a big smile on her face to thank him for firing her. She took a day or so to pull herself together, send out her resumes, and soon found another job where she is far more successful than she could have been just weeks earlier

The real secret for success or failure is the bathroom mirror. When you look at it, what do you see, and what do you want to see? Often what we really want to see is pure greatness looking back at us. We want to be a great athlete, businessperson, or something else. In fact, if we dared to admit it, we want to be a GOAT - Greatest of All Time, internationally renowned man or woman.

It seems to me we've got our priorities askew. Our culture doles out the accolades to the Greats and the GOATS when we would be better off thinking of "good" as the highest achievement for which we should strive - the good man or woman, the good business person, the good athletes who work to achieve the highest ethos of whatever their course of life might be.

Good people don't cut corners or put themselves first because they have an inner core and the right tincture of humility in their soul. They want to do the right thing - the good thing. They quietly influence and improve lives and make the world, if only incrementally a better place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Officeholders should be held to same ethical standards as teller

Dear Editor:

While it pains me to say this Mike I agree with you on term limits. However your op-ed starts with Moscow Mitch but then devolves into 3 Democratic congresspersons. Stopping their ability to trade stocks with insider knowledge (yes, that's how they ALL do it) would be a start but R's will never agree in a million years. Bribes from lobbyists (can you say Clarence Thomas) certainly contribute to their astounding increases. Until the House and Senate (and Supreme Court) are held to the same ethics standards as the teller at your local bank it won't change.

Craig Ball

Reader offers conservation tips

Dear Editor:

I found an article from 1990, yes, 30 years ago. It was 65 ways to help save the Earth. I won't go through all 65 ways, but thought a few reminders would be helpful to those who care.

The conservation motto to reduce, reuse, and recycle will always be on the top 10 list. Reducing waste is so important. If we reduce there will be less waste. Reduce everything you can. Check with your locale recycler to make sure you are recycling correctly.

If you can, start a compost pile and learn what should go into that. Avoid pesticides whenever you can. Household, garden, and also on your skin. Use cloth dish towels and napkins that can be washed instead of disposables. Never put hazardous substances down the drain. Turn off the lights when you leave the room. No one watching the TV? Turn it off. Ditch the plastic, use reusable containers, and take your own bags shopping.

Go out for coffee? Take your own cup, stay away from the throwaways. Plant flowers for our bees, butterflies, and beneficial bugs. Try your hand at some veggies in pots or raised beds. If you can, don't buy the foods with the cellophane wrappers. Buy local as much as you can.

Think globally, but act locally as well. We can All make a difference. It isn't that hard to do some easy things when shopping. It is never too late to start. We are all born with free will to make wise choices for our planet, our communities, our families, who we choose in our government to protect and improve lives for everyone. Earth Day is coming up so why not start now to do one thing to help our home, Planet Earth? Live long and prosper.

Kathy Cassady
Plainwell

Trumpsters got clown they voted for

Dear Editor:

Earlier in the year, I wrote to this newspaper that I hoped the Trump voters got all they wanted and be happy for what else they were going to get by their vote for Trump. Recently, Clown Trump has stated that President Zelenski started the present Ukranian War (LIE). He berated a President who is standing up to Putin after Ukraine was invaded, its civilians are being slaughtered, its private homes, and hospitals bombed, all against Genevia Conventions of War. This is being said by a President who conveniently received a diagnosis of bone spurs during the Vietnam War so he did not have to serve in the armed forces, and who is previously quoted as stating the biggest threat he faced at that time was not getting Syphilis. Also, during his first term as President, he declined to visit our fallen heroes in their final resting places in Europe, allegedly, because it was raining. He and his administration have aligned our Country with Russia, a Country that has attacked a number of countries, shot down civilian airplanes, assassinated opponents in and outside of Russia, and publicly asked for Russia's help in his first election for Russia to help find Clinton's e-mails, invited Russian media and barred several American media outlets from his recent meeting with President Zelenski.

Quoting from an article, "The Trilateral Process: The United States, Ukraine, Russia and Nuclear Weapons", research from Brookings: When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Ukraine had the world's third largest nuclear arsenal on its territory. When Ukranian-Russian negotiations on removing these weapons from Ukraine appeared to break down in September 1993, the U.S. government engaged in a trilateral process with Ukraine and Russia. The result was the Trilateral Statement, signed in January 1994, under which Ukraine agreed to transfer the nuclear warheads to Russia for elimination. In return, Ukraine received security assurances from the United States, Russia and Britian; compensation for the economic value of the highly-enriched uranium in the warheads (which could be blended down and converted into fuel for nuclear reactors); and assistance from the United States in dismantling the missiles, missile silos, bombers and nuclear infrastructure on its territory." Perhaps our current President should have been in the classroom learning about history. If the United States does not live up to its past agreements, then the United States will never be trusted again by anyone in the world to keeps its agreement's.

Russia has shot down civilian airplanes. How many of you Republican readers remember the recent one --Azerbaijan Airlines? How about Malaysian Airlines 7/17/2014 over eastern Ukraine? How about Korean Airlines 1983? Is this a country we want to embrace?

According to Matt Olsen, head of the National Security Division at the Justice Department when his article was written, there have been falls from windows, poisonings and unsolved shootings outside the U.S. and many attempts to interfere in elections, cyber-attacks. The Justice Department team has prosecuted nearly 60 cases in U.S. Courts related to Russian disinformation, sanctions violations and espionage since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. He goes on to state that their are Russian assets in the U.S. right now.

As for invading neighboring countries, ask Finland (Winter War 1939-1940), Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belarus, Romania, Georgia, Armenia, most of Germany, the Baltic States-Estonia, Latvia,, Lithuania, Crimea before the present war with Ukraine and many others too numerous to list, how safe they feel about Putin and Russia's aggressions! As for those of you who think that we have the Pacific and Atlantic oceans to protect us, do you remember the boasts of Putin that he has hypersonic missiles that can reach the United States? How many of you so-called Republicans remember what President Ronald Reagen once stated when signing a deal with Russia: "trust but verify". So , Philip Zamlynski, if this is what you and your Trump voters voted for, "may God help us all" for what's coming.

Eric R. Erickson

Unique theater experience comes to downtown Allegan

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players will once again entertain the community as they kick off their 2025 season with the original comedy The Bird Day Party. Written by ACP member Spike Kunetz, The Bird Day Party is a play about a bar and will be performed in an actual bar. TILT Restaurant and Bar, located at 118 Brady St. in downtown Allegan, will become the stage for this fun new comedy.

According to the Allegan Community Players, TILT will be transformed into a bar called Birdie's for the play. As playwright Spike Kunetz described his play, "Birdie's is known as the least popular bar in town because the owner is such a grouch. So, when Birdie's small group of quirky regulars decide to throw her a birthday party against her wishes, Birdie tries to shut them down, and the party seems to be over before it starts. But some unexpected guests show up and turn the evening into a madcap escapade! Watching the play will make you feel like you are a patron in the bar watching the other customers as they interact--and get really personal."

Kunetz says his play is both funny and poignant, "I built the story around the idea that even as grownups, we can harbor behavior patterns developed as children. Some folks learn to outgrow them, some folks don't want to let go."

TILT owner Matt Adams is excited to have this unique theater experience in his restaurant. "TILT has been open for a little over one year now,

Actors take a break during a rehearsal for the Allegan Community Players production of The Bird Day Party. The "stage" will be Tilt 118, and the show runs at 7:30pm, Sundays, March 16, 23 & 30, 2025. Pictured: Front row, l to r: Michael Troub, Timothy Farrell-Bandy, Courtney Stewart, Lacey Morton, Linda Havens, John Morton Back row, l to r: Todd Spratt, David Hodge, Mason Haas. Photo: S. Kunetz

and we are happy to have quickly developed a local fan base," said Adams. "Having a play that is written and performed by local community people completely ties in with what TILT is all about, so we were thrilled to be invited to be a part of this event. We are a place where everyone is welcome to gather, eat, drink, and play some pinball."

The Bird Day Party stars Timothy Farrell-Bandy, Mason Haas, Linda Havens, David Hodge, Lacey Morton, John Morton, Todd Spratt, Courtney Stewart, and Mike Troub.

Kunetz is also the director of the play. Kunetz comes to Allegan after spending 30 years in the theater community in Chicago where he was an actor, improvisor, playwright, and director. Kunetz also taught the artforms of improvisation and comedy writing at Chicago's famed Second City for 20 years.

"Allegan is fortunate to have such a long-standing community theater company," said Kunetz. "It is a jewel of the community. ACP is a place for people of all ages to come and play, to share the love of theater, and to entertain people, which is a wonderful gift to share. This is a group of people who like to experiment, take creative chances and welcome new ideas. I feel at home here."

Adams encourages audience members to come to TILT before the show and enjoy a nice meal. "We make amazing burgers and have other delicious sandwiches and wraps on the menu. We have milkshakes, ice cream, and of course, bar drinks. And just for patrons of the play, we are offering a special drink crafted especially for The Bird Day Party called "Birdie's Brew."

The Bird Day Party will run Sundays, March 16, 23, and 30, 2025, 7:30 p.m. at the Tilt on 118 Brady St. Tickets are available at allegancommunityplayers.org, but space is limited.

Allegan Area ESA sends 24 students to statewide ProStart Competition

Allegan Area ESA will be sending 24 culinary students to compete in five events at the 2025 Michigan ProStart Invitational on March 10 in Battle Creek.

The 2025 Michigan ProStart Invitational brings together over 600 high school students from across the state to showcase their skills in categories including Cake Decorating, Management, Culinary, Knife Cuts, Tabletop Design, Pasta, and ServSafe Quiz Bowl. Teams are observed, judged, and rated by leading industry professionals and higher education professionals.

Approximately $900,000 in scholarships are available to ProStart students as they continue to pursue careers in the hospitality industry. Additionally, first place winners of the Culinary and Management categories will earn a spot at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore, MD, on May 2-4, 2025.

Below are the participating students and category descriptions:

Knife Skills

Each contestant will select four knife cut options from a list of eight, including Rondelle, Batonnet, Julienne, Large Dice, Medium Dice, Small Dice, Brunoise, and Chiffonade. The contestants will present to the judges what four cuts they selected to execute. Team members include:

Ragan Allen
Jacob Lawson
Nora Gavin
Kassandra Robbe
Noah Sauceda
Skylar Bush
Jeffrey Osterhout
Dawn DeGood
Mary Carranza

Culinary

Teams must create a unique three-course meal consisting of a starter, entrée and dessert that demonstrates their culinary knowledge, skills and creative abilities. Teams are given 20 minutes to pre-set their station for the meal production prior to 60-minutes of cooking time using two butane burners. Teams must present recipes; recipe costing; a knife skills form detailing a minimum of four of 11 specified knife cuts; menu pricing worksheet; printed menu and photos of each plate which are compared to the plates presented to the judges. Teams are judged on product check in; knife skills; taste and finished product; safety and sanitation; team presentation, work skills and organization; menu and recipe presentation. Team members include:

Culinary Team A
Carter Southwick
Addison Perrin
Carson Bydash
Dawn DeGood
Ken Folk
Culinary Team B
Adriana Jacobs
Caleb Nurmi
Landon Fance Coulson
Cole Milbocker
Nadia Perez

Management

Teams must demonstrate their knowledge of the restaurant and foodservice industry by developing and presenting a new restaurant concept to a panel of judges. Teams choose from one of four scenarios: freestanding restaurant; airport restaurant; food truck or strip mall restaurant. Teams will present their concepts through verbal presentations, posters and a Q&A session with a panel of judges. The concept must include the type of establishment; floor plan; description of interior and décor; hours of operation; meals served; type of cuisine; menu featuring 12 items; recipes; costing for one menu item; menu pricing; photograph of a menu item; organizational chart; SWOT analysis; marketing tactics to launch the concept; poster with the menu and floorplan; poster displaying one marketing tactic; target market and the restaurant's purpose and impact. Team members include:

Management Team A
Landon Benedict
Alexis Earl
Ragan Allen
Management Team B
Kynlee Boomsma
Landon Fance Coulson
Malcolm Schaffer
Hannah Hale

Pasta

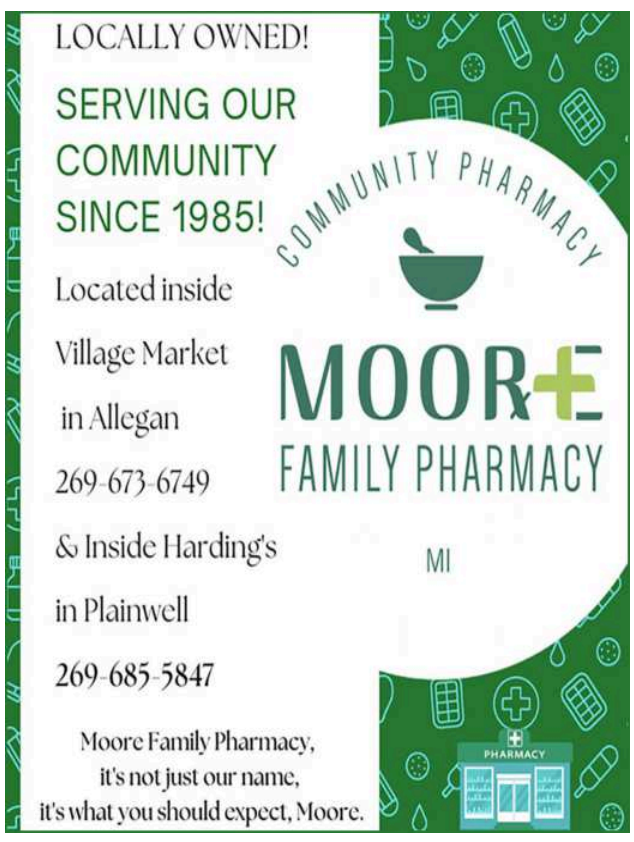
Teams will demonstrate their pasta knowledge, skills, and creative abilities during the competition through demonstration of skills and the preparation of a unique pasta dish. Teams demonstrate their ability to work together while creating and presenting their dish. Team members include:

Pasta Team A
Carson Bydash
Carter Southwick
Ariel King
Pasta Team B
Landon Benedict
Addison Perrin
Alexis Earl
Pasta Team C
Landon Fance Coulson
Noah Sauceda
Cole Milbocker
Pasta Team D
Adriana Jacobs
Caleb Nurmi
Jacob Lawson
Pasta Team E
Skylar Bush
Jeffrey Osterhout
Nora Gavin

Cake Decorating

Teams will bring their own pre-made cake layers and will then be judged on their theme, icing, decorating, level of difficulty, consistency, safety/sanitation, and documentation. Team members include:

Cake Decorating Team A
Mary Carranza
Ariel King
Dawn DeGood
Cake Decorating Team B
Kynlee Boomsma
Nadia Perez
Hannah Hale
Cake Decorating Team C
Kassandra Robbe
Malcolm Schaffer



Residents' input requested to improve offerings in Allegan County

By Gari Voss

Executive Director of Services Dan Wedge announced that Allegan County Commissioners and non-profits serving the residents of Allegan County are seeking input regarding the public services offered across the county. Postcards have been delivered to all residents explaining the survey and how to participate.

"Allegan County and several partner agencies have secured Polco's services to gauge residents' views on the current state of Allegan County and public services," explained Wedge. "The County released surveys in 2019 and 2022 to gather input from residents throughout the county in an effort to make better-informed decisions on services. The County, along with many of its local units of government, has utilized this input in a number of planning decisions."

Polco is a platform that collects data on community engagement and insights for the purpose of assisting governments and organizations better understand and respond to the needs of their communities. The analysists combine advanced data analytics with user-friendly engagement tools. This information enables government agencies to make strategic decisions while building trust and connections between government and residents.

Using The National Community Survey™, a tool created in 2001 with the help of the International City/County Management Association, as the base, the survey was modified to reflect local Allegan County conditions. From February 24 through March 16, 2025, the survey will be online for all residents to access at www.allegancounty.org/communitysurvey.

"The County has progressively developed an ongoing strategic, operational, and financial planning process," said Robert Sarro, County Administrator. "The addition of the National Community Survey in 2019 and 2022 has been extremely valuable in engaging the public in the process. I look forward to incorporating the new results into the County's current plans."

The survey asks residents to answer questions about the quality of life in Allegan County, local policies, demographics, rating of local services, and residents' use of services. The information gathered assists in identifying how to best utilize the resources provided to the county's residents and make adjustments in future planning. All residents are invited to complete the online survey.

"The survey will help inform the County, local governments and partner agencies on the views of current residents," said Wedge. "Residents are really encouraged to leave honest feedback, which will help us identify areas for growth and improvement while looking for opportunities."

Partner Agencies

The agencies involved in this project include: Allegan Area Educational Service Agency, Community Action of Allegan County, OnPoint (formerly Community Mental Health), Allegan County United Way, and the Allegan County Community Foundation

Residents are encouraged to first review the Community Update from 2019 and 2022 before taking the survey. Both the Community Update and the confidential survey are at www.allegancounty.org/communitysurvey.

For questions about the survey and/or assistance, contact the County at (269) 686-5150.

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LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by Gorden Funeral Residence. Each month LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice, as you the reader move forward in your own personal grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help those whom you may know have recently experienced a loss, or traumatic event.

Ahhh March! The month that allows us to see the devastating damage of "The Plow Guy", or the still present mounds of snow filled with trash and debris designed to inspire you and I to run to McDonalds, or shop at Wal-Mart. (FYI, in another life I was being groomed to be a "Commercial Artist", and during that time we were taught about the powers of Visual Communication. The bigger the logo, the bigger desire to consume....) Whether you find any humor in that illustration of words, or not, we can't avoid the fact that I just described the temporary effects of a long annoying winter.

And thats just that. Trauma is Temporary! The negative effects hang in there based on our attention to them. Reaction both positively, or negatively can determine the trajectory of thought. Self Care planning can aid one in moving in a positive way. Planning banks on a cognitive support path that can help you and I regain traction and help us grip getting back on track. The reverse is the exact opposite. Negative thought paths through trauma create a slippery slope that lead to self isolation, dependencies, and self harm beyond repair. This is why, getting help is so important. Its out there ready to aid you, as you continue, LIVING WITH GRIEF.

Gorden Funeral Residence

Daylight Saving or Standard Time? Allegan County weighs in with surprising results

By Cindy Sasser

This Sunday, March 9th, all participating states, including Michigan, will "spring forward" one more time. Whether it will be the last time remains to be seen. With the exception of Arizona and Hawaii, all clocks will be set one hour forward. There's no argument that the biannual clock changing needs to stop but where it stops is a topic of intense debate. Allegan County speaks out with their preferences and the results may surprise you.

People can't directly vote on Standard Time vs. Daylight Saving Time because it's a matter governed by federal law, not state or local policy. While states have the ability to propose changes, any nationwide adjustments require approval from Congress. Federal legislation sets the rules for time standards across the country, and changes to this system need national approval.

However, the people of Allegan County were given a voice through a Facebook poll and the votes were divided half and half on which should become permanent, Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time. There were roughly 50 people who responded and the reasons they gave behind their preferences were compelling!

Approximately half the votes were for Daylight Saving Time with the consensus based on having more time after work and in the evening to spend outdoors and with family members. One person pointing out that getting dark at 5:30 pm in the winter was very disliked.

The votes for Standard Time had various reasons behind them. Few having to do with the purported physical health benefits associated with our bodies being in alignment with it.

One person said, "Standard time. As someone who has to wake up early for work, it sucks trying to get to sleep when it's broad daylight at 9pm. Not to mention having to wait so long for nighttime summer activities like stargazing."

Another pointed out, "Standard time permanent, go ask farmers how bad time switching effects production of milk, etc."

Two people wanted to keep both...

One stated, "I'm on a farm. I love Daylight Savings Time in the summer and Standard Time in the winter. It's perfect for farming activities. I could never understand why some people have trouble adapting to the time change. Just look at the clock and whatever time the clock says is the time it is. No need to overthink it. People can be adaptable and flexible."

The other asserted, "Either one alone is going to suck! We need to make the change twice a year!"

The overwhelming majority vote, however, was that the biannual clock changes were hated and had to stop. As one person so eloquently put it, "Just fix it!!!"

Daylight Saving Time (DST) has been a subject of great debate for more than a century. According to many sources, this may be the last time we "spring forward." However, this would be history repeating itself; this has happened on many occasions in the past.

While the idea has roots in ancient civilizations, the modern concept of DST was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784 in a satirical essay suggesting that Parisians could save candles by waking up earlier. However, it wasn't seriously considered until the 20th century.

The first real push for DST came from New Zealand entomologist George Hudson in 1895, who wanted more daylight hours for his evening studies of insects. A similar proposal was made by British builder William Willett in 1907, who argued that advancing clocks in summer would save energy and make better use of daylight. Despite Willett's passionate advocacy, the British government did not immediately adopt the idea.

It was World War I that brought DST into official use. Germany was the first country to implement it in 1916 to conserve fuel during wartime, and other nations, including Britain and the United States, quickly followed. After the war, many countries abandoned the practice, only to reinstate it during World War II for similar energy-saving reasons. In the U.S., DST was made mandatory nationwide during the war but was repealed afterward, leading to confusion as states and cities implemented their own policies.

The inconsistency of time changes across the U.S. led to the Uniform Time Act of 1966, which standardized DST, setting fixed start and end dates across participating states. However, individual states were still allowed to opt out, leading to some regions forgoing the practice entirely.

Over time, DST's schedule has been adjusted multiple times, including during the 1970s energy crisis when the U.S. temporarily extended it in an effort to reduce electricity consumption. In 2007, the Energy Policy Act further lengthened DST by starting it in March and ending it in November. Today, DST is observed in over 70 countries.

The exhausting debate regarding which should become permanent, Standard or Daylight Saving Time, is what's dragged out the passing and enacting of the bill to abolish semi-annual clock changes. When compared, the real issue isn't the differences between the two in terms of gaining or losing that hour… it's the sudden change itself that causes problems. The sudden change is what causes stress and an increased risk of heart attacks and strokes. The sudden change in sleep patterns is what's disruptive to circadian rhythms and causes decreased productivity and impaired reaction times in workplaces and in driving. The sudden clock change, whether forward or back, is what causes scheduling confusion, disrupting industries such as airlines, stock markets, and international business. Some, like Hawaii and Arizona, have opted out of DST entirely, while others continue to push for permanent standard time or permanent DST to eliminate the disruptions caused by the semi-annual time change. Once Congress picks one, we can settle in to some stability and get on with life.

Here are the general arguments:

During Standard Time, the sun rises earlier, providing natural light in the morning. This makes it easier to wake up, commute safely, and maintain a stable circadian rhythm. Brighter mornings can also improve mood and productivity, especially for schoolchildren and early workers.

The sun sets earlier, leading to darker evenings. While this can encourage relaxation and better sleep schedules, it also limits outdoor activities and reduces daylight for errands or recreation after work. Many people find the early darkness affects their mood, contributing to seasonal depression in the winter months.

Under Daylight Saving Time, the clock is set forward an hour, meaning the sun rises later. This results in darker mornings, making it harder to wake up and feel alert. Many people experience grogginess, disrupted sleep cycles, and increased risks of accidents due to reduced morning light.

The sun sets later, providing extended daylight in the evening. This allows for more outdoor activities, increased social engagement, and economic benefits for businesses. However, it can also delay sleep schedules and disrupt natural circadian rhythms.

There are roughly 5 focal points that are fueling the debate. They are our health, energy conservation, crime, cost, and workplace and road safety.

The arguments regarding road safety and energy conservation each have legitimate studies that cancel one another out.

Crime rates like burglary which are shown to be reduced by longer daylight hours are determined by season and have nothing to do with what the clock says.

This leaves two real items to be factored into this debate:

Health is best with Standard Time - based on circadian rhythm, Standard Time maintains a stable and natural rhythm aligned with the sun. Depression and seasonal affective disorder are reduced as disrupted circadian rhythms affect mood and well-being. Mornings are consistently brighter, making it easier to wake up and start the day thereby reducing fatigue and increasing concentration. It has even been suggested by foremost specialists that permanent DST may cause increased metabolic issues such as diabetes, hypoglycemia, and weight gain by causing the human body clock to be misaligned with the natural environment.

Cost and well-being are best with Daylight Saving Time - A major advantage is increased daylight for outdoor activities. Longer daylight hours encourage people to spend more time outside, promoting physical activity and boosting mental well-being. This is especially beneficial for businesses in the tourism and retail sectors, as people are more likely to shop, dine out, and participate in recreational activities after work.

The debate continues as lawmakers weigh health, economic, and social impacts.

Funny quotes regarding DST:

"Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket."

"The farmer objects to doing his early chores in the dark merely so that his city brother, who is sound asleep at the time, may enjoy a daylight motor ride at eight in the evening."

"Why not 'save summer' by having June begin at the end of February?"

ALLEGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Public Notice of Intent to Dispose of Firearms

The following is a list of firearms in evidence at the Sheriff's Office. If no valid ownership claim is received within thirty (30) days of the date of public notice, the firearms listed will be disposed of. The firearms are not for sale.

If you have a valid claim to any of these firearms, and are authorized to possess firearms, contact Lt. Mike Brown to get the gun returned to you.

Contact:
Lt. Mike Brown, Allegan Co Sheriff's Office
640 River St, Allegan, MI 49010
Ph# 269-673-0500 ext 4592, or mbrown@allegancounty.org

Complaint#	Make	Model	Caliber	Serial#
21014-20	Ruger	Mod Security-six revolver	.357	150-87997
21014-20	Marlin	Mod 60 rifle	.22lr	14408547
21014-20	Remington	Mod 870 Express	12ga	B572031M
21014-20	CVA	Mod Optima rifle	.50 cal	none
21014-20	Winchester	Mod 94 AE rifle	30-30	5289209
976-14	Dan Wesson	Mod .357 revolver	.357	129266
18093-15	Glock	Mod G22 pistol	.40	VNA124
12166-09	Stevens	Mod 94 shotgun	20ga	P213544
2224-13	CAI	Romanian AK rifle	7.62x39	S-BC2729
973-11	Mossberg	Mod pump shotgun	12ga	R301324
2727-14	Ithaca	Mod 37 shotgun	12ga	356359
2947-13	CVA	Mod Wolf Muzzleloader	50cal	61-13-050850 07
7995-10	Mossberg	Mod Pump shotgun	12ga	R854863
7995-10	Marlin	Mod 882 rifle	.22wmr	06488396
138-11	Remington	Mod 597 rifle	.22lr	A2747511
16900-10	Remington	Mod 572 rifle	.22lr	none(old)
16900-10	Remington	Mod 11-48 shotgun	20ga	82591
3410-12	Mossberg	Mod Slugster shotgun	12ga	J717355
8578-17	Beretta	Mod 1934 pistol	9mm	626992
18938-23	Bersa	Mod Thunder380 pistol	.380	800205
12593-13	Fabrinor Victoria	Mod Firestorm pistol	.45	71-04-08224-02
12593-13	Sundance Industries	Mod A-25 pistol	.25	062808
18539-15	Ruger	Mod SR9 pistol	9mm	335-25094
8057-15	Ruger	Mod Super Blackhawk revolver	.44mag	85-47317
7995-10	Ruger	Mod Mini-14 rifle	.223	185-60702
16417-10	Remington	Mod 870 Express shotgun	12ga	B978035M
15747-10	Marlin	Mod 3365C rifle	35rem	H5171
14532-15	S&W	Mod M&P 9 pistol	9mm	HKK0099
10231-15	Glock	Mod G19 pistol	9mm	MNP619
5804-16	Ruger	Mod LC9s pistol	9mm	328-70876
8461-16	Hi-Point	Mod C9 pistol	9mm	P1869135
16976-11	Savage	Mod 110 rifle	30-06	B600501
18901-17	Knight	Mod Blackpowder rifle	.50cal	413881
5875-14	Mossberg	Mod 835 shotgun	12ga	UM161265

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11572-15	Hi-Point	Mod C9 pistol	9mm	P1885971
20887-17	Taurus	Mod PT111 pistol	9mm	TK043814
6523-17	H&R	Mod 949 revolver	.22lr	AN111535
18-17	S&W	Mod M&P 9 Shield	9mm	HMX1062
1860-14	Taurus	Mod PT24/7 G2 pistol	.40	SER30059
7995-10	AMT	Mod 1911 Hardballer pistol	.45acp	AZ1224
13764-17	S&W	Mod M&P Bodyguard 380 pistol	.380	KEF2326
1684-13	RG	Mod RG 23 revolver	.22lr	1606714
5892-18	S&W	Mod 442 revolver	.38	CMN3696
16163-12	Taurus	Mod PT-22 pistol	.22lr	Y149215
18066-17	Glock	Mod G23 pistol	.40cal	PXF005
12277-16	Ruger	Mod 22 Charger pistol	.22lr	490-71648
13669-12	Remington	Mod R15VTR rifle	.223	RA034292
13669-12	Browning	Mod A-bolt rifle	.300win	41254NZ717
13669-12	Ruger	Mod LCR revolver	.22lr	548-14264
12039-12	Mossberg	Mod 500 Slugster shotgun	12ga	L050916
16056-19	Remington	Mod 870 Magnum shotgun	12ga	W610091M
13669-12	Mossberg	Mod 930 Shotgun	12ga	AF018142
14475-11	Stevens	Mod single shot shotgun	12ga	none
13669-12	Mossberg	Mod 500 shotgun	20ga	R751168
16588-16	Mossberg	Mod 500 shotgun	12ga	G530471
10459-16	New England	Mod Pardner shotgun	12ga	HW505234
13669-12	H&R	Mod Ultraslug shotgun	20ga	CAC296366
14394-12	IJA	Mod Target revolver	.22lr	N21881
13669-12	Remington	Mod 700 Ml rifle	.50cal	ML104817
13669-12	New England	Mod Pardner shotgun	20ga	NR241125
327-13	Savage	Mod 11D rifle	30-06	F227865
15833-13	Mossberg	Mod 835 shotgun	12ga	UM51143
13167-13	Mossberg	Mod 835 shotgun	12ga	UM124528
20578-20	Mossberg	Mod 500A shotgun	12ga	R043927
6359-11	Marlin	Mod 60 Rifle	.22lr	17351854

PROTECT YOUR DRINKING WATER: LAWN AND GARDEN MAINTENANCE

WHAT IS THE MOST COMMON MISTAKE IN LAWN CARE?

We pamper our lawns and gardens. Over-application of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides waste money, destroy plants, and pollute water. Lawns that are mowed to short develop weak root systems and require frequent watering and maintenance. Removing grass clippings starves the soil of beneficial nutrients and the organic matter necessary to prevent soil compaction.

LAWN CARE TIPS

Grass clippings CLOG storm drains and cause water back ups!!! Once mowed, sweep grass clippings back onto your lawn.

✔ MOW HIGH
- Mowing high is cheaper and easier to maintain.
- Taller grass……
  - gets more sun so it is better able to make its own food and does not need as much fertilizer
  - tolerates hot and dry conditions better
  - develops deeper roots, enabling it to reach deep into the soil for water
  - shades the soil and reduces evaporation
  - contains fewer weeds because it shades them out
- Keep your lawn three inches or higher and never cut off more than 1/3 of the blade each time you mow.

✔ MULCH LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO YOUR LAWN
- Leaves and grass clippings are the best food for your lawn because they are a natural fertilizer rich in nutrients and organic matter.
- Grass clippings on the lawn returns 60% of the nitrogen and 100% of the phosphorus to the soil.
- Mulching leaves and grass clippings may mean that you won't have to fertilize at all.

✔ SPREAD FERTILIZERS ON LIGHTLY AND USE CAUTION
- Check product labels and follow directions carefully.
- Do not over-apply fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or fungicides.
- Fertilizers can pollute your drinking water.
- If you fertilize right before it rains, the fertilizer won't have time to soak into the soil and will run directly into surface waters. **NEVER FERTILIZE BEFORE IT RAINS!**

✔ CHOOSE THE RIGHT SEED MIX AND NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR AREA
- The best seed mix for Michigan will contain Kentucky bluegrass, fescues and perennial rye-grass. Kentucky bluegrass needs sun.
- Native and drought-resistant plants and grasses will conserve water and require fewer pesticides and fertilizers.
- For more information, contact the local County Conservation District.

✔ BE SMART ABOUT WATERING
- If you have kept your lawn higher, you may not need to water it.
- In the hot, dry summer, grass grows slowly and the blades turn brown, but the plants don't die. If you can bear this stage, the grass will green after it rains.
- If you choose to water the grass, one inch of water per week is the rule. Light, frequent applications are best.

Allegan Source Water Protectionhttps://www.cityofallegan.org/departments/drinking_water.php

March is Reading Month – What Dr. Seuss and Dolly Parton have in common

By Gari Voss

Moving into March, the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) Executive Director Stephanie Calhoun took a moment to wish Dr. Seuss a happy birthday! Dr. Seuss was born March 2, 1904, Theodor Seuss Geisel. During his 87 years, Geisel wrote under four pseudonyms and was the author/illustrator of books for beginner readers to adults, and a cartoonist featured in a number of newspapers during and after WWII. Known best for his poetic picture books, in 1984, "Dr. Seuss" was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his contribution to the education of America's children and their families.

When the National Education Association (NEA) began National Reading Month in 1997, the goal focused on cultivating the habit of reading. While developing a love for reading, readers also propagate skills for communication and learning.

Schools often have a variety of activities to kick off March Is Reading Month by having green eggs and ham for breakfast, dressing as a favorite Dr. Seuss character, acting out a book, or beginning a reading competition where the principal must ante up if the students read a set amount of books during the month.

Programs such as Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) often have distributions during March. The non-profit was formed in 1966 and has put millions of books into the hands of students. Young Authors activities have encouraged students to write original books that are shared amongst classmates and even submitted for publication.

"Coinciding with Dr. Seuss's birthday, the month naturally evolved to also celebrate the legacy of this beloved children's author. His whimsical tales and rhymes have since become central to the festivities, although the day encourages reading of all kinds," Calhoun stated. "As a child, I loved reading the *Chronicles of Narnia*. As a mother, I loved reading *Green Eggs and Ham* to my children."

The love for reading and books may have assisted in the ACCF decision to become the local affiliate for Allegan County's Dolly Parton Imagination Library on October 1, 2023. The Imagination Library was Parton's dream to promote reading by providing one book each month to children between birth and age 5.

Since October 2023, 63,000 books have been delivered to children under the age of 5 living in Allegan County. Calhoun and her staff ask individuals and businesses across the county to honor Read Across America during March by donating to support the Allegan County Dolly Pardon Imagination Library. A donation of $3 is one book for one child for one month. A donation of $36 is a year of books for one child! For more information and to make a donation, check https://alleganfoundation.org/.

Other ways to celebrate March is Reading Month:

- Calhoun asks everyone to share a favorite book at scalhoun@alleganfoundation.org.
- Help a child between 0 and 5 years old sign up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- Attend a book club meeting at the public library: Allegan District Library's Book Club meeting is Tues., March 11th at 6:30pm; The Tilt Book Club meets Sun., March 16th at 2pm.
- Offer to read a book to a class at a local school or gather a small group to do a Readers Theater reading.
- Share songs that are related to books.

Whether celebrating March is Reading Month for Dr. Seuss or Dolly Parton or an undying love of reading, March gives multiple opportunities to enjoy reading. Reading has been found to benefit individuals by strengthening the mental muscles, improving comprehension and analytical abilities, increasing imagination, and boosting memory.

Reading is no longer for just the elite as it in 23 BC (or BCE) times in Rome. Books are no longer printed by hand thanks to the introduction of the printing press in the 15th century. Beginning in the 1890s, books were even given attractive hardback covers. Reading gives advantages to everyone

Even though almost everyone can read, there are statistics showing that people hardly read. Unfortunately, fears have grown that Americans are losing their reading culture as a society. This makes National Reading Month even more special because a whole month can help in reviving reading habits.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF OTSEGO
BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Otsego Board of Review will meet Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 12, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Otsego City Hall, 117 East Orleans Street, Otsego, Michigan. The Board will also meet Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for organizational purposes only. Written protests must be received before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. If you wish to meet in person, please call (269) 692-3391 to schedule an appointment. Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or the State Tax Commission for classification appeals. Properties classified Commercial Real, Industrial Real or Developmental Real may be appealed to the regular March Board of Review or to the Michigan Tax Tribunal prior to May 31, 2025. Commercial Personal, Industrial Personal, or Utility Personal Property may be appealed to the regular March Board of Review or to the Michigan Tax Tribunal prior to May 31, 2025, if a personal property statement was filed with the local unit prior to the commencement of the Board of Review as provided by MCL 211.19.

Poverty Tax Exemption Applications are also available to those meeting Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The tentative Allegan County Equalization ratios and estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2025 are as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Commercial	48.47%	1.0316	3.16%
Industrial	50.38%	0.9925	-0.75%
Residential	43.64%	1.1457	14.57%
Personal	50.00%	1.0000	0.00%

The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon a five day notice.

Angela M. Cronen
City Clerk

Notice

of Public Hearing
Watson Township Planning Commission

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, and in accordance with Section 125.3841 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, the Watson Township Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Watson Township Hall located at 1895 118th Ave. Allegan, Michigan 49010. Public hearings will be held and possible action taken for the following items:

1. A text amendment to Section 22.09 Accessory Buildings of the Watson Township Zoning Ordinance to replace the current method for determining maximum permitted size of accessory building(s), based on percentage of required rear yard, with a new method based on percentage of overall lot area.

2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

If, prior to the meeting/public hearing, members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting/public hearing then such persons may contact the Planning Commissioners through submission of written comments by mail or drop box to Watson Township Planning Commission, c/o Watson Township Hall, 1895 118th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010 or by email to the Zoning Administrator at jderry@pcimi.com.

A copy of the meeting materials may be found on links on the Township's homepage at www.watsontownship.org including all application materials. If remote access is provided subject to the Open Meetings Act, as amended, access information and instructions will be provided on the Watson Township website as addressed above.

Watson Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon 72 hours advanced notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by email, phone, or mail.

BRAD STALKER, CHAIR
WATSON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
616-706-9256

TOWNSHIP OF GANGES

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ganges Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th Street, Fennville, within the Township.

Please take further notice that the matter to be considered at the public hearing include the following:

Amendments to the Ganges Township Zoning Ordinance, including the following:

- General reorganization of the Zoning Ordinance Articles and Section content, including a separate Article for each Zoning District. This includes updates to section references throughout the document.
- The creation of two (2) new zoning districts, the Glenn Neighborhood Residential District (Article 8) and the Glenn Hamlet Mixed-Use District (Article 9).
- Article 2: Definitions, include the following amendments:
  - Updates to the definitions of state-regulated uses, such as adult foster care family home, large group home, small group home, and private residence.
  - Updates to the definitions of state-regulated uses pertaining to childcare facilities.
  - Definitions for commercial and non-commercial greenhouses.
  - Definition of open space.
  - Definition of driveway.
  - Definition of vehicle.
  - Definition of Brewpub.
  - Definition of Event Center.
- Article 3, General Provisions, includes the following amendments:
  - Section 3.9., Fences. This includes amendments to clarify the maximum fence height and setback within a front yard.
  - Section 3.19., Ponds. Update to reflect the change of the State Department name from DEQ to EGLE.
  - Section 3.20., Private Roads. To expand on the requirements for private roads in the A District, to serve a maximum of 2 dwelling units and are prohibited as part of a planned unit development (PUD). This section was expanded to include permitted districts where private roads may be constructed.
  - Section 3.34., Solar Energy Systems-Noncommercial. To clarify screening requirements for these facilities.
- Articles 5-12., District Chapters, including the following amendments:
  - Reduced parking requirements for non-residential uses.
  - Minimum lot size in the A District from 3 acres to 5 acres.
  - General consolidation of commercial uses and general retail uses.
  - General consolidation of school and college uses.
- Article 14, Planned Unit Development District, includes the following amendments:
  - Section 14.4., Types of PUDs. This Section was expanded to permit PUDs within the new Glenn Hamlet Mixed-Use District. Amendments also include the types of residential PUDs permitted in the R, R/L District, CNR, or C Districts.
  - Section 14.6., Glenn Hamlet Mixed-Use PUD. This is a new section that describes requirements for PUDs in the Glenn Hamlet Mixed-Use District. This included permitted uses, access requirements, and design of commercial buildings and lots.
- Article 18, Special Land Uses, include the following amendments:
  - Section 18.6., Specific Special Land Use Standards.
    - New requirements for Event Center and Event Venues.
    - New requirements for Elderly Housing.
    - New requirements for Bowling Alleys.
    - New requirements for Energy Storage Facilities.

Written correspondence may be submitted to the Clerk at 1904 64th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 up to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing.

Anyone interested in reviewing any related information may examine a copy at the Ganges Township Hall by contacting the Clerk (269-543-8316) during normal business hours.

Necessary and reasonable aids for disabled persons will be made available with sufficient notice to the clerk.

Robin Phelps
1904 64th Street
Fennville MI 49408
269-543-8316

Township of Wayland

Notice of Buget Public Hearing

The Wayland Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 at the Wayland Township Hall, 1060 129th Ave Shelbyville, MI 49344 on March 10, 2025 beginning at 6:00pm.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Wayland Township 269-792-6394

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Fennville City Commission has been petitioned to consider the establishment of a Commercial Redevelopment District pursuant to P.A. 255 of 1978 from the owners of 312 E Main St. (the "Stevens Hotel") that will allow for a tax abatement on the commercial property, supporting the rehabilitation of the property.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Fennville City Commission shall meet at 6:00 o'clock p.m. local time at Fennville City Hall, 125 S. Maple St. Fennville, Michigan on Monday, March 17, 2025, to afford the public an opportunity to be heard with regard to said petition.

NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an existing Water Tank located at 190 Western Ave, Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan 49010. The modifications will consist of the removal of antennas and installation of new antennas at a centerline height of 140-feet on an existing 146-foot-tall water tank. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 043605-PR, EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or at (617) 715-1822.

Hopkins Township

2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 128 S Franklin St, Hopkins, MI 49328 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025:
1:00pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025:
2:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, March 11, 2025:
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00pm March 11, 2025. Mailing address is PO Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.53%	1.23365
Commercial	47.49%	1.05285
Industrial	47.40%	1.05485
Residential	45.80%	1.09170
Developmental	48.20%	1.03734
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Cade Bolser, Hopkins Township Supervisor
Grey Castello, Hopkins Township Assessor

NOTICE

Martin Township is now accepting bids for lawn care for the 2025 year. This is to include Martin Township Hall, JC Wheeler Library, empty lot across the street from Township, Old East and South Cemeteries. Please send sealed bids to Jennifer Wharton, Attn: Lawn care bid, PO Box 27, Martin, MI 49070.

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP

2025 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2025 tentative ratios and factors are given below by class, as set by the County Equalization Department.

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
AGRICULTURE	42.46	1.1767
COMMERCIAL	49.07	1.0190
INDUSTRIAL	48.46	1.0318
RESIDENTIAL	48.30	1.0352
ALL PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

Adjustments have been made to the assessment roll so that the anticipated Equalization Factor for 2025 will be 1.000. Property owners may examine the assessment roll at the office during normal Township Hall hours.

2025 Board of Review will be in session during the days listed below. Property owners who desire to appeal the assessed value of their property must do so during these times. Appeals are by appointment only. For an appointment call 269-751-7030. Written appeals will also be accepted.

Monday, March 10: 2 - 5 PM and 6 – 9 PM
Wednesday, March 12: 9 AM – Noon and 1 – 4 PM

TOWNSHIP OF SALEM

2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 3003 142nd Ave. Burnips, MI 49314 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 4:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025: 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 11, 2025: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 12, 2025: 9:00 am – Noon

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 11, 2025. Mailing address is P.O. Box 49 Burnips, MI 49314.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	39.68%	1.2601
Commercial	45.60%	1.0965
Industrial	45.37%	1.1021
Residential	46.01%	1.0867
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Jim Pitsch, Supervisor Salem Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Salem Township

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services Statement of Nondiscrimination

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Bloomingdale Telephone company is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, the Age of Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied benefit of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Steve Shults, General Manager. Any individual or specific class of individuals who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the status and regulations listed above from and/or file a written compliant with this organization or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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TOWNSHIP OF WAYLAND

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO CUT WEEDS

TO: The residents and property owners of the Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with Michigan Public Act 359 of 1941, as amended, and Township Ordinance No. 0-2-2021, all weeds in excess of 8 inches in height within platted subdivisions and condominium subdivisions, including vacant lots; on unplatted lands with a dwelling or other occupied building thereon; and on all industrial or commercial properties, whether property is occupied or not; must be cut to a depth of 165 feet, the depth of the parcel, or the depth of the established yard area, whichever is less, by May 1st of 2025 and must remain cut throughout the balance of said year by the owner or tenant in charge of the premises. In default thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township of Wayland may enter the premises and cut the same as frequently as necessary during 2025 to comply with the foregoing regulations and may charge the cost thereof against the property owner and for collection may place the amount upon the next tax roll of the Township as a tax lien against the offending premises.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any owner in default of the foregoing obligation to cut shall also be subject to a civil fine of up to $500 for each violation. Such cutting obligation shall not apply to fields devoted to growing any small grain or vegetable crop.

This notice is published in accordance with said Public Act and Ordinance by order of the Wayland Township Board.

Wayland Township
Lillian DeKoning, Clerk
PO Box 1
Bradley, Michigan 49011
Township Hall Address:
1060 129th Avenue, Shelbyville, MI 49344
www.waytwp.org • 269-792-0410

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
COUNTY PRIMARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M-89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M., Local Time, March 19, 2025, and, at such time, be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

PROJECT NO. 300072 – Culvert replacement including clearing, grade establishment, sand subbase, aggregate base, HMA paving, and restoration on 104th Avenue 575 feet east of 42nd Street in Cheshire Township, Allegan County.

Complete specifications, plans, and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website www.alleganroads.org under the Projects link. When accessing plans from the website, please send an email to jkernodle@alleganroads.org to be added to the plan holders list.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Road Commission and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

A bid deposit of at least 5% of the bid amount will be required for this item. The bid deposit may be in the form of certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Allegan.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Larry Brown, Chairman
Rick Cain, Vice-Chairman
Harold Hamlin, Member

CITY OF WAYLAND

2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 103 S Main St, Wayland, MI 49348 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025:
10:00am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025:
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Wednesday, March 12, 2025:
2:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00pm March 11, 2025. Mailing address is 103 S. Main St., Wayland, MI 49348.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	NC	NC
Commercial	50.11%	0.99780
Industrial	41.39%	1.20802
Residential	44.77%	1.11682
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Grey Castello, Wayland City Assessor

DORR TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

The Board of Review will be meeting in March to review the Assessment Roll and hear
appeals. All meetings will be held at the Dorr Township Hall, 4196 18th Street, Dorr, Michigan 49323. The hearings will begin on March 10, 2025. HEARINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call Dorr Township Office Manager, Vicki Fifelski at 616-681-9874 ext. 105 for available appointments.

If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters to Dorr Township, 4196 18th Street, Dorr, MI 49323. All letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. 3-10-2025.

Monday March 10th
9:00 am to 12:00pm 1 pm to 4 pm
Tuesday March 11th
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm 6 pm to 9:00 pm

Assessments have been adjusted to result in anticipated multipliers of 1.0000 for all classes. With "Proposal A" in effect, the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and ownership transfers, are capped at the inflation rate of 5% for the 2025 tax year. Taxes are based on Taxable Value. Also, note that if you should have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and this is not noted on your notice, you should contact the Assessor.

2025 Starting Ratios are as follows:		Factors:	
Ag:	43.48	Ag:	1.1499
Com:	48.55	com:	1.0298
Ind:	47.89	Ind:	1.0440
Res:	45.19	Res:	1.1064

Michael Richmond
Dorr Township Assessor

NOTICE

MONTEREY TOWNSHIP
2025 BOARD OF REVIEW

TO ALL TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS:
THE 2025 BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTEREY WILL MEET AT THE MONTEREY COMMUNITY BUILDING, 2999 30TH STREET, ON ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025
at 7:30 p.m.
HEARING APPEALS
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
and
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The tentative recommended equalization ratios and estimated multipliers (factors) necessary to compute state equalized values of real and personal property in the Township of Monterey for 2025 are:

CLASS	RATIO (%)	MULTIPLIER
AGRICULTURAL	42.07	1.1885
COMMERCIAL	49.40	1.0121
INDUSTRIAL	40.93	1.2216
RESIDENTIAL	46.60	1.0730
PERSONAL	50.00	1.00000

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided the protest letter is received by the Assessor before 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 7, 2025. For an appointment please call (269) 358-8727.

Brian Busscher
Monterey Township Assessor
2999 30th St.

Public Hearing

On Increasing Property Taxes for Otsego Township and Annual Meeting

The Otsego Township Board will hold a public Hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2025 - 2026 at 400 N. 16th St. Otsego, MI on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 400 N. 16th St. Otsego, MI.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

The Otsego Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 days notice to the Otsego Township Board.

Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Otsego Township Board by writing or calling the following: Jen Colin, P.O. Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078. (269) 694-9434.

Otsego Township Board
P.O. Box 257
Otsego, MI 49078

TOWNSHIP OF CLYDE

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Township of Clyde Board of Review will meet Monday March 10, 2025, from 3:00pm-9:00pm and Tuesday March 11, 2025, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm- 4:00pm at the Clyde Township Hall, 1679 56th Street, Fennville Michigan.

Written petitions may also be sent to the Board of Review at 2386 58th Street, Fennville Michigan 49408. Property owners or their representatives must contest at the local board of review if they intend to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Ratio of State Equalized Value to True Cash Value: 50%

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.09721	45.57
Commercial	1.00766	49.62
Residential	1.22130	40.94
Development	NC	NC
Personal	1.0000	50.00
Industrial	1.01235	49.39

Tommie L. Giles
Clyde Township Supervisor
269-561-5214

PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF OTSEGO
Allegan County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF OTSEGO ZONING ORDINANCE

THE OTSEGO PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 24, 2025, AT CITY HALL, 117 EAST ORLEANS, OTSEGO, MI 49078, AT 7:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, TO CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OTSEGO ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY OF OTSEGO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD TO SECTION 7.2 PERMIT USES; AND CHANGE DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR R-C TWO FAMILY AND MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 117 EAST ORLEANS, OTSEGO, MI 49078, DURING NORMAL CITY BUSINESS HOURS, MONDAY - THURSDAY, 7:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M., EXCLUDING CITY HOLIDAYS. WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK BY FIRST CLASS MAIL OR IN PERSON UP TO THE MEETING TIME.

CITY OF OTSEGO
PLANNING COMMISSION

BY: ANGELA M. CRONEN, MMC
CITY CLERK

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M 89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025, and at such time be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

Furnish various aggregate materials to Allegan, Diamond Springs, Fennville and Shelbyville maintenance garages.

Complete specifications and bid forms are available at the ACRC office and on our website at www.alleganroads.org under Materials Bids.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the ACRC and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

No bid deposit will be required.

The ACRC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Allegan.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Larry Brown, Chairman
Rick Cain, Vice-Chairman
Harold Hamlin, Commissioner

NOTICE

OTSEGO TOWNSHIP
Allegan County – Michigan
2025 March Board of Review
Meeting Dates

Tuesday: March 4, 2025, Organizational
Meeting, No Hearings 11:00AM

Wednesday: March 12, 2025, 2:00PM – 5:00PM
6:00PM – 9:00PM

Thursday: March 13, 2025, 9:00AM – 12:00PM
1:00PM – 4:00PM

Other meetings as necessary. All reviews will be appointment. Call (269) 694-9434 to schedule appt. Reviews will be held at the Otsego Township Hall 400 North 16th Avenue, Otsego MI 49078. Written appeals will be accepted until 12:00PM Thursday March 13, 2025.

The Allegan County Equalization Initial Factors & Ratios for the Otsego Township will be as follows:

Agricultural:	1.2222	40.91
Commercial:	1.0269	48.69
Industrial:	1.2186	41.03
Residential:	1.1238	44.49

Due to assessment changes Otsego Township anticipates that all ending factors will be 1.0000

Assessor: Lydia Paille
Township Clerk: Jen Colin
Dated: February 17, 2025

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services Statement of Nondiscrimination

Southwest Michigan Communications, doing business as Bloomingdale Communications, is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, the Age of Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied benefit of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Steve Shults, General Manager. Any individual or specific class of individuals who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the status and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGAN
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 3037 118th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 12:00 pm (noon) Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 11, 2025: 9:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2025. Mailing address is 3037 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	44.60%	1.1211
Commercial	48.84%	1.0238
Industrial	37.71%	1.3259
Residential	46.33%	1.0792
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Stephen A. Schulz,
Supervisor Allegan Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Allegan Township

TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 104th Ave & 41st St, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 1:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2025: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday, March 13, 2025: 9:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 12, 2025. Mailing address is 817 Windigo Ln. Otsego, MI 49078.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	37.16%	1.3455
Commercial	50.42%	1.9917
Industrial	40.40%	1.2376
Residential	44.07%	1.1346
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Steve Revor, Supervisor Cheshire Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Cheshire Township

DORR TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorr Township Hall, 4196 18th Street, Dorr, Michigan, the Dorr Township Board will hold a public hearing to consider the Township's proposed budget for 2025-2026.

The Township Board may not adopt its proposed budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Township Hall, 4196 18th Street, Dorr, Michigan. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing regarding the proposed budget. A link will be made available as soon as feasible on the township's website. (https://dorrtownshipmi.gov/)

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aid should contact the Dorr Township Board or call the Office, prior to meeting.

This Notice of Public Hearing is given by:
Debbie Sewers, Dorr Township Clerk
Dorr Township Hall
4196 18th Street
Dorr, Michigan
(616) 681-9874

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 221.24e

WAYLAND TOWNSHIP
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 1060 129th Ave., Shelbyville, MI 49344 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 10:30 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025: 2:00 pm 5:00pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 11, 2025: 9:00 am to Noon
Thursday, March 13, 2025: 9:00 am to Noon

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 11, 2025. Mailing address is PO Box 1, Bradley, MI 49311.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	42.21%	1.1845
Commercial	44.79%	1.1163
Industrial	48.48%	1.0314
Residential	47.96%	1.0425
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Roger VanVolkinburg, Supervisor Wayland Twp
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Wayland Township

Wayland Township Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 381 8th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 9:00 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 12, 2025: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 11, 2025. Mailing address is 381 8th St., Plainwell, MI 49080.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	41.56%	1.2030
Commercial	45.77%	1.0924
Industrial	44.30%	1.1287
Residential	45.08%	1.1091
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

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Michael VanDenBerg,
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Heather Mitchell,
Assessor Gun Plain Charter Township

TOWNSHIP OF TROWBRIDGE
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 913 S M-40 Hwy, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: 3:00 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025: 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 11, 2025: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2025. Mailing address is 913 S M-40 Hwy Allegan, MI 49010.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	38.84%	1.2873
Commercial	49.65%	1.0070
Industrial	43.66%	1.1452
Residential	42.82%	1.1677
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Jeff Kaylor, Supervisor Trowbridge Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Trowbridge Township

NOTICE
Lee Township
Public Hearing on Proposed Budget
Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Lee Township Board will hold the annual BUDGET HEARING, SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

The purpose of the hearing will be to review the budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026

A copy of the Proposed Budget for 2025-2026 will be available for the public inspection at the Lee Township Office the week of the meeting. Phone 269-236-6485.

Kathryn Blackburn
Lee Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOPKINS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BURNING OF TRASH AND WASTE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HOPKINS

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss
Ordinance No. 62 (1 OF 2025)
An ordinance to regulate the setting of fires and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, and to provide a method for the collection of costs and expenses to the Village of Hopkins caused by the setting of fires. A full description of the ordinance is available by contacting the village clerk at clerk@villageofhopkins.org.
The hearing will take place on Monday March 10th 2025 at 7:15 PM
At the Hopkins Village Hall, 128 S. Franklin St. Hopkins
This notice is published by:

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Mike Alberda, Village Clerk

Allegan County and Non-profits Seek Residents' Input

Allegan County and several partner agencies have secured Polco's services to gauge residents' views on the current state of Allegan County and public services. All citizens in Allegan County are invited to take the survey.

The survey asks residents to answer questions about the quality of life in Allegan County, local policies, demographics, rating of local services, and residents' use of services. The information gathered will help identify how to best use the resources provided to the county's residents in future planning.

Residents are encouraged to review the Community Update before taking the confidential survey. Both the Community Update and the survey are at www.allegancounty.org/communitysurvey. For questions about the survey, contact the County at (269) 686-5150.

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Button, Nieuwenhuis secure state championships

Plainwell junior Madison Nieuwenhuis further established herself as one of the top wrestlers in the state, racking up her third consecutive state title at 100 pounds in the Girls Division. (Photo provided)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

DETROIT—Talk about going out on a high note.

Wayland senior Lane Button closed out a two-year undefeated streak on the mats by claiming his second straight state championship, winning 150-pound title in Division 2 at the Individual State Finals on Saturday, March 1.

Button finished with a combined 100-0 record during his junior and senior campaigns.

In the title match, Button bested Mason's Dylan Granger 11-4.

"(Granger) was my last high school loss, so it was good motivation for me all year," Button told MHSAA.com. "I felt like I had the pace and the speed and knew what I needed to do to finish with a win."

Another highlight from Allegan County boys teams came from Plainwell, which had both the second and third-place finishers at 106 pounds in Division 2.

Tyler Cooper was the runner-up, while Dylan Nieuwenhuis was third. Three other Trojans—Adin Young (fourth at 285), Austin Gyorkos (fifth at 138) and Rickey Lynch (fifth at 157)—also earned All-State by placing in the top eight.

Hamilton also had five All-State honorees in D2: Bryce Morrison (third at 144), Jake Chase (fourth at 157), Shane Dams (fifth at 215), Malachi Kapenga (sixth at 138) and Chase Morrison (sixth at 120).

For Otsego, Lane Blanchard was eighth at 157.

In Division 3, Allegan's Rysten Williams (fifth at 175) and Ryan Sparks (sixth at 157) joined Hopkins' Caden Brown (sixth at 144) in securing All-State honors.

Martin had five wrestlers attain All-State status in Division 4, led by Haylen Buell with a runner-up showing at 144.

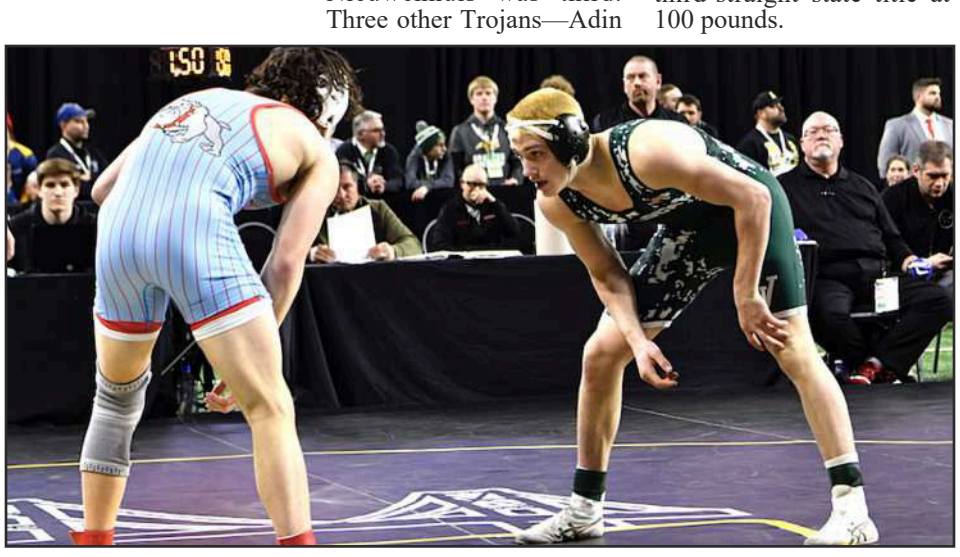
Logan Gilbert was third at 120, with Urijah Joostberns fifth at 113, Jayce Ritchie fifth at 138 and Sam Bleeker was seventh at 215.

In the Girls Division, Plainwell junior Madison Nieuwenhuis continued her dominance by winning her third-straight state title at 100 pounds.

She bested Lowell's Veronica Tapia by pin in the finals.

"I just tried getting better attacks than last time," Nieuwenhuis told MHSAA.com. "I'm pretty excited about it, and hopefully I can get one more next year. I think the season went really well, and I think I grew a lot."

Avery Lynch placed sixth for Plainwell at 130 pounds.



Wayland's Lane Button (right) won his second-straight state championship, improving to 100-0 for the past two years. (Photo provided by MHSAA)

Trojans claim district title

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—On Friday, Feb. 28, Plainwell High School students and faculty members gathered to send off members of the school's wrestling and competitive cheer teams as they headed off to the State Finals.

Plainwell boys basketball coach Larry Ash was among the well-wishers.

"It was fun to see those athletes getting recognized like that because they earned it," Ash said. "But as I'm standing there, I'm looking at my players and they're looking at me and I know we all want that to be us."

The Trojans took a step in that direction later that evening when they posted the 51-45 win over Parchment in a Division 2 district final hosted by Otsego.

"This means a lot," Ash said. "We've been through a lot this season. We had a chance to win the Wolverine Conference championship and didn't quite get that done. So I told the guys we needed to go out and get this one, and they did it."

Plainwell trailed 41-36 with less than six minutes to play in the final quarter.

But on back-to-back possessions, senior Chib Amaezechi beat his defender and threw down a pair of thunderous dunks.

Not only did that cut the Trojans' deficit to one point at 41-40, but it also got the Plainwell crowd and players pumped up.

Plainwell's Chib Amaezechi eyes the basket in the game against Parchment. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"That was huge," Ash said of the dunks. "We knew Chib could take his defender, so we told him to go do it. That really gave us some momentum."

A 3-pointer from Drew Nelson with 2:48 remaining staked Plainwell to a 43-42 lead.

Then, following a pair of free throws from Parchment, Amaezechi went up-and-under for a basket that put the Trojans up 45-44 with 1:44 left.

Plainwell didn't trail the rest of the way, securing its first district championship since 2009.

Plainwell led 24-19 at halftime, but a 22-10 edge by Parchment in the third quarter put the Panthers up 41-34 heading to the final frame.

"Heading into the game, we talked about runs," Ash said. "The game is full of runs and Parchment went on a run in the third quarter. I told the guys we had to get back to our defense. At that point, Parchment's energy was better than our and we had to change that."

Amaezechi finished with a team-best 15 points, followed by eight from Chad Winenger. Nelson and John Amaezechi added eight and six points, respectively.

Plainwell wins SCC title, Otsego places runner-up

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—During the regular season, the Plainwell boys swim & dive team used its superior depth to rack up a perfect 7-0 record in the Southwest and Central Michigan Swim Conference.

That depth was on full display at the conference meet on Friday, Feb. 28, and Saturday, March 1.

Because despite winning just two events—both by Sam Harper—the Trojans rolled to the meet win with 480 points, outdistancing runner-up Otsego (416) by 64 points.

Marshall was third with 384 points, followed by Allegan in fourth with 321 points. South Haven (228), Sturgis (188), Harper Creek (185) and Hastings (78) were fifth-through-eighth, respectively.

For Plainwell coach Andrea Murphy and her team, the conference title was the culmination of a lot of hard work and determination.

"We have been trying to get a conference championship for the boys team for forever," she said. "It seems like we have been runner-up forever."

That included finishing 12.5 points behind Otsego for the championship last year.

"That fueled the team this year," Murphy said of last year's results.

Harper was the standout for Plainwell, winning the 200-yard freestyle (1:44.7) and the 500 free with a meet-record time of 4:41.2.

He was also part of Plainwell's runner-up finishes in both the 200 free relay (1:32.96 along with Ben Sparks, Grady Nugent and Austin Susens) and the 400 free relay (3:28.41 along with Alex Steele, Susens and Davis Nooney).

Others standouts for Plainwell included Aidan Ranger (second at 361.5) and Phil Mathis (third at 315.65) in diving as well as Susens (third at 5:23.86) and Henry Cox (fourth at 5:39.51) in the 500.

"It honestly was a whole team effort," Murphy said. "We made some changes to our lineup and took some risks, like moving Henry Cox from the fly to the 200 IM, but that allowed Joseph Hoffman to step up in the 100 fly, which he did. We also split our relays to make it so we could get three in the top eight for all the relays and that's what we did.

"The boys just worked really hard and 16 of our 17 kids had their best times or diving scores of the season."

Host Otsego, meanwhile, won six of the 12 events. Liam Smith led the way with individual wins in the 200 IM (1:52.44) and the 100 breaststroke (1:00.31). He was also part of the winning 200 medley relay (1:43.1 along with Liam Raseman, Willsun Fuller and Blake Guerrant) and the 400 free relay (3:20.71 along with Guerrant, Carson Bydash and Fuller).

But that wasn't quite enough to overcome Plainwell's depth.

"The place wasn't what we wanted, but when I walked to my car at the end of the meet, I told myself that the boys did the absolute best that they could," Otsego coach Darryl Belton said. "And really, that is all that I could ask for.

"I hate losing to Plainwell, but hats off to them. They are the better and deeper team. But I would not trade any one of my guys away. They busted tail this weekend and left it all out there. I am very proud of this group."

Other event wins for Otsego came from Fuller in the 100 butterfly (53.44) and Caleb Wesseldyk in diving (388.7).

Smith, Fuller and Wesseldyk are the Bulldogs' captains.

"We had some spectacular performances," Belton said. "Obviously our conference champs were terrific. But Liam Smith, Willsun Fuller and Caleb Wesseldyk did so much more than win event—they were true leaders."

Other performances that stood out to Belton included Guerrant in the 50 free (second at 23.03), Danny Truong in the 500 free (16th at 7:05.8), Tyler Campbell (10th in the 100 breaststroke at 1:15.25 and 11th in the 100 fly at 1:03.51), Jacopo Legisa (11th in the 100 breaststroke at 1:17.55) and Collin Crites in diving (fourth at 301.2)

"Blake getting his 50 cut and Danny—all four feet of him—placing in the top 16 was great," Belton said. "It doesn't get much better than that. Tyler Campbell was huge for us—he PR'd in everything he did; Jacopa was pretty special in the breast; and Collin Crites had to overcome the aftereffects of the flu and he finished with a PR in diving."

Allegan, meanwhile, set a pool record with its winning performance in the 200 free relay. The team of Sam Kelley, Ezra Smith, Cadel Conrad and Oliver Burnett finished at 1:31.74.

Burnett also had standout efforts in the 100 free (first at 49.07) and the 200 free (second at 1:52.74).

"I couldn't be prouder of the way our boys swam," Allegan coach Carol Gephart said. "They showed incredible heart, courage and determination. This team is so young, and the future is very exciting.

"One of the most impressive moments was how they responded to adversity. After a tough disqualification in the medley relay during prelims, many teams would have folded. Instead, they pushed forward and delivered some of their best swims of the season. That resilience speaks volumes about their character."

Plainwell junior Sam Harper won both the 200-yard freestyle and the 500 free at the SCC Meet. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Allegan's Oliver Burnett won the 100-yard freestyle at the SCC Meet. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego's Liam Smith won two individual events and was part of two winning relays at the SCC Meet. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Trailblazers end regular season with victory over L.N.

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—It was a case of David vs. Goliath when Division 3 Saugatuck hosted Division 1 Loy Norrix in a girls basketball clash on Thursday, Feb. 27.

And as happened in the original battle, David earned a convincing victory.

Led by the dynamic guard duo of junior Tali Laskowski and sophomore Mylah Simpson, the Trailblazers cruised to the 70-46 win. That upped Saugatuck's record to 21-1 and ran its winning streak to 16 straight to close out the regular season.

Laskowski and Simpson combined for 56 points, scoring from beyond the 3-point line, on drives to the basket and on pull-up jumpers.

"Our guards are tough," Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali said. "Tali and Mylah push each other and help make each other better every day. They also make everyone on the floor better."

Making the margin of victory even more impressive is that fact that Saugatuck was playing without the services of two of its starters: senior Kennedy Gustafson and sophomore Nova DeGraff.

"I love our grit tonight and how our kids stepped up for their injured teammates," Tringali said. "This has been a special group I love the way they play for each other. They also know there is no letting off the gas as it's now a brand new season and we still have work to do heading to the postseason."

Two days earlier, Saugatuck hosted archrival Fennville and rolled to the 55-20 victory.

The Blackhawks took a quick lead on a 3-pointer by Cailey Mokma and the teams were deadlocked at 5-5 midway through the first quarter.

But it was all Saugatuck from there, as the Trailblazers embarked on a 29-1 run and eventually led 36-10 at halftime

The second half was simply more of the same, as Laskowski scored 10 of the first 13 points of the third quarter to push Saugatuck's lead to 49-10.

The Trailblazers led 51-13 entering the final frame.

Laskowski finished with a game-high 18 points, followed by Simpson with 15. Eleven of Simpson's points came in the second quarter.

Gustafson scored eight of her 11 points in the first quarter before being forced to leave the game in the second stanza due to a facial injury.

"As we head into postseason, it was very important for us that we played a complete game tonight and we feel like we did," Tringali said. "Our kids played every possession hard and with great effort and energy. We like where are heads are as we approach postseason."

Saugatuck sophomore Mylah Simpson drives to the basket in the game with Fennville. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Allegan girls beat Schoolcraft, fall to Hopkins

Reegan Helderop (left) handles the ball for Hopkins as Allegan's Ellie Bishop provides defensive pressure. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Allegan girls basketball team hoped to end the regular season on a high note.

Jayden VandenAkker and Maddie Antkoviak did their part to ensure that happened.

VandenAkker scored a game-best 18 points and Antkoviak joined her in double figures with 12 points to lead the Tigers to the 44-34 win over visiting Schoolcraft on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Allegan improved to 14-7 in advance of district play, much to the delight of head coach Sharron Thompson.

"We closed out the regular season with a bang with a thrilling and entertaining win," Thompson said. "Momentum shifted back and forth the entire first half, but we came out firing and established a lead early."

Allegan's lead stood at 13-7 at the end of the opening quarter, with that advantage extended to 22-15 at halftime.

VandenAkker scored four points in each of the first two quarters before adding three in the third stanza and seven in the final frame.

"We were able to defend late, knock down big shots and hold the lead the whole way," Thompson said. "It's been an unbelievable season for us, and we look to take this momentum into South Haven for districts next week."

Ellie Ziemelis added seven points in the victory.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, Allegan hosted Hopkins, with the turning point coming in the third quarter.

The teams were tied at 7-7 after one quarter and 13-13 at halftime. But in the third stanza, Hopkins used a 19-10 run to take command on the way to the 39-27 win.

"It was a back-and-forth battle in the first half, but we turned the ball over too much late and that helped Hopkins secure the win," Thompson said.

Antkoviak led Hopkins with eight points, followed by Bailey Meade with seven, Shy Thompson with six and VandenAkker with five.

Cora Hall scored a game-best 12 points for Hopkins. Reegan Helderop and Kelsey Burgess added eight and seven points, respectively.

Martin girls get past Fennville

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—A balanced scoring attack led the Martin girls basketball team to the 53-31 win over visiting Fennville in the regular-season finale on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Six Clippers scored at least six points, led by Avery Jager with 14. Jager, one of two seniors on the roster along with Macy Thorne, also had 12 rebounds to collect the double-double on Senior Night.

"Tonight was such a great way to end the regular season and an amazing Senior Night for Avery and Macy," said Martin coach Ben Schipper, whose team improved to 10-22. "We got to have a very nice moment for Macy, who has been out due to a season-ending injury, and Avery started out on fire, hitting four threes and scoring all 14 of her points in the first half.

"Thank you to our seniors for their commitment to Martin girls basketball."

Anna Jager added nine points, while Kayden Jager, Torryn Harris and Marybeth Ritchie all had eight. Alley Bacon chipped in with six points.

"Our girls played with true desire on the floor tonight," Schipper said. 'It was exactly what we wanted to do to roll into playoffs on a high note. Every player made great contributions to the team tonight."

In addition to her scoring, Kayden Jager doled out eight assists to go with six rebounds and four steals. Harris added eight rebounds, while Ritchie had six rebounds, three steals and two blocks.

The Clippers led 12-8 after one quarter before going up 27-11 at halftime. Their lead stood at 43-17 heading to the fourth quarter.

"Our intensity turned Fennville over a lot, and I felt we got the majority of the 50/50 balls and we had 22 offensive rebounds," Schipper said. "We were incredibly aggressive on both ends of the court and had tremendous ball movement."

Ceeley Howard paced Fennville with seven points, followed by Amiyah Johnson and Lila Rosema with six each. Lily Achterhof added five points.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, Martin dropped a 51-41 decision to Potter's House.

"Potter's House had a great atmosphere tonight for their Senior Night and it was great for us to play in a rowdy environment," Schipper said. "It served as great preparation for what we hope are some great playoff atmospheres."

The teams were knotted at 11-11 after the first quarter and were still neck-and-neck at halftime, with Potter's House up 22-21.

But an 18-6 third-quarter run allowed Potter's House to pull away.

Ritchie had 11 points and six rebounds in the loss, while Harris (seven rebounds) and Avery Jager each had eight points. Anna Jager (six rebounds) and Maggie Jager chipped in with six points each.

"Marybeth gave us another strong offensive effort tonight with 11 points," Schipper said. "She even made her first career three, which I'm really proud of her for having the confidence to take it as we've been working on that with her."

Fennville girls earn win in district opener

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BLOOMINGDALE—The Fennville girls basketball team opened postseason play by taking on host Bloomingdale in a Division 3 district quarterfinal on Monday, March 3.

And thanks to a big game from Lila Rosema, it was a successful game for the Blackhawks.

Rosema secured the double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds to lead Fennville to the 37-34 victory.

Ceeley Howard added eight points, while Cailey Mokma snagged 10 rebounds.

Fennville jumped out to a 12-6 lead after one quarter and never looked back, as it led 20-10 after three quarters and 26-16 after three quarters.

The Blackhawks were scheduled to face Saugatuck in a district semifinal on Wednesday, March 5. The winner of that game will face either Gobles or Black River with the district title on the line on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in Bloomingdale.

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Saugatuck's Rewa claims state championship in slalom

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HARBOR SPRINGS—Saugatuck junior Neave Rewa just keeps adding to her impressive athletic resume.

Already the school record holder for most goals scored in girls soccer, Rewa became a state champion skier at the Division 1 MHSAA Girls Skiing Final on Monday, Feb. 24.

Competing for Grand Haven as part of a co-op with Saugatuck and Black River, Rewa placed first in the slalom at the Rewa clocked in with a time of 72.05 at Nubs Nob in Harbor Springs.

That time was more than a second-and-a-half better than Quinn Gerber of Traverse City Central.

Rewa also placed 12th in the giant slalom at 55.61.

"I came here hoping to do my best and being able to do that is really cool," Rewa said in an interview with MHSAA.com. "It's a pretty cool feeling."

According to Rewa, she began skiing when she was three years old. She started racing when she was six.

"(Winning a state championship) is something I've really had in the back of my mind for a long time," Rewa said in an interview with The Holland Sentinel.

Rewa believes her soccer skills have helped her become a better soccer player and vice versa.

"The slalom is a lot more technical with quick feet and staying the course, which I really enjoy," Rewa said. "That really translates from soccer. They are pretty transmittable. It is a lot of that quick thinking and reflexes and staying ahead of everything."

Plainwell surges past Allegan in district opener

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Given his team's youthful makeup, Plainwell girls basketball coach Mark Stephenson knows the Trojans will have their ups and downs.

A perfect example of that came in the third quarter of Plainwell's Division 2 district opener against Allegan on Monday, March 3.

Leading 16-11 at halftime, the Trojans went into a slump to start the third quarter, as Allegan went on a 9-3 scoring run to go up 20-19 with less than three minutes left in the frame. That, of course, was the "down."

But then came the "up," as the Trojans regrouped to close out the quarter on a 13-2 run to retake the lead at 32-22 en route to the 45-27 victory.

Defense, according to Stephenson, was the key.

"Defensively, we were out of sink to start the second half," Stephenson said. "And I think part of that is that we just weren't making shots. We had a lot of good opportunities, but they just weren't going in and that started to affect everything, including our defense.

"But then we got refocused there at the end of the third quarter and we were forcing them to make bad passes and we were ready for those bad passes. When we're focused, we're pretty good. When we lose focus and get frustrated, bad things can happen."

Alyssa Weldon paced Plainwell with 13 points, while Anna Overway joined her in double figures with 11 points.

Sophie Munch and Alayna Ranney added eight and seven points, respectively, for the Trojans.

Allegan, meanwhile, got 10 points from Bailey Meade and five points from Hannah Antkoviak.

"The first half was a close battle and we came out firing the second half before Plainwell took the momentum and claimed the victory," Allegan coach Sharron Thompson said. "The effort and play of these girls has been inspiring and entertaining."

Allegan finished the season at 14-8 overall and 8-2 in divisional play.

Plainwell was scheduled to Plainwell Paw Paw in a district semifinal on Wednesday, March 5. The winner of that game will play in the district final on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in South Haven.

Plainwell's Anna Overway drives against Allegan's Hailey Maka. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Clippers' season ends with district loss to Potter's House

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Blake Sweeting had a monster game for the Martin boys basketball team in its Division 4 district semifinal against Zion Christian on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

In addition to pouring in a game-best 26 points, Sweeting also pulled down six rebounds and came up with two steals.

Unfortunately for the Clippers, that wasn't quite enough to translate into a win, as Zion Christian handed Martin the 59-45 season-ending loss.

And while disappointed with the outcome of this game, second-year coach Corby Callaway had nothing but praise for the dedication and improvement he saw from his players this season.

"I'm so proud of our guys and the season we had," he said.

After winning just one game last season, the Clippers secured eight victories this season, marking the most the program has enjoyed in five years.

Callaway also praised Sweeting's effort in this game.

"Blake was dominant again tonight," Callaway said. "He was battling against four guys 6-5 or taller and he really couldn't be stopped."

The game was deadlocked at 11-11 after one quarter, but Zion Christian used a 12-3 edge in the second quarter to take a 23-14 lead.

Martin cut its deficit by a point in the third stanza thanks to a 17-16 scoring advantage. The Clippers got even closer in the final frame, pulling to within four points of the lead, but Zion Christian knocked down a couple of big shots to pull away.

"Our guys played hard, played together and we did some really good things," Callaway said. "We executed our game plan and just came up short. We got into a little foul trouble in the second quarter and it kind of threw off our offense.

In his final high school basketball game, Gavin Meyers had eight points, seven rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

"Gavin filled up the scoresheet like he always does," Callaway said. "We'll miss him and (fellow senior) Nicholas Jager next year. They've meant so much to the program."

Peyton Schuring-Harris added six points and nine rebounds.

"I'm so proud of our guys and the season we had," Callaway said. "And we have a lot of guys back next year, so we hope to keep improving."

Martin's Peyton Schuring-Harris looks for an open teammate. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday March 9th. What are your thoughts about the time change:

-Woman and children at a gas station on M-89: "I hate it. It interrupts their sleep schedule, and for a week they are cranky. Then my husband gets cranky. And I get cranky at all of them."

-Young woman near the Fennville hardware store: "It's just plain*&^%$$ stupid!"

-Older couple near the Fennville grocery store; Woman, "So he retired and he's bored. What does he do? Thursday afternoon he starts changing the clocks! Thursday! Then I'm confused." Man: "She's confused all right, because she changes them again on Saturday, okay?" Woman: "Yeah, twice a year he's [messing] with the clocks."

-Man near the Allegan Public Library: "It's no big deal. The only clock I don't bother changing is the one in the car. I leave it alone. No point in changing it for half a year."

-Woman, same location: "It's not 'savings time', it is day light saving time. No 's' on savings."

-Man near A-tech. "It's no big deal. All of my clocks automatically change for me. Well, except for the one on the stove and the one on the microwave. Oh, and my coffee maker, and the clock my grandfather made." Pauses. "Yeah, maybe it is sort of a big deal. It's stupid, okay?"

-Man near the Allegan Post Office: "On Saturday, I go around with my digital clock so I can be sure I've got it set to the minute. My wife thinks I'm a perfectionist. What do you think? Am I getting carried away?"

-Another man, same location, "Bet you have people come to church Sunday just as you're ending." Laughs.

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

March 6, 1950

Consensus: Blizard as bad as '36 but '18 was 'worst ever': Allegan County's worst blizzard since 1936 coincided with the first day of March last week, blocking roads, closing schools and making highway travel hazardous and, at times, impossible.

Oldtimers agreed that it was as bad—but didn't last as long—as the 1936 storm, but they refused to concede that it came anywhere near the mid-January blizzard of 1918.

Gazette files of that year revealed a great many similarities. Coal was exceedingly scarce then (due to the war, however) and schools were closed and families were "doubled up" to save fuel.

The Gazette reported that wind velocities reached 40 mph, nearly three feet of snow fell and the mercury went down to 17 below zero back in 1918.

March 6, 1975

Twenty-five Saugatuck-area children are without Head Start program: About 25 kids enrolled in the Saugatuck-Douglas Head Start program are without a program this week.

They are no longer involved in the Head Start program because the Saugatuck School District has chosen not to continue the five-month-old program for another three months at an estimated cost to them of $2,800. The federal government would chip in 80 percent, or about $10,000, to finish the program in June.

"We satisfied the conditions of the program that were agreed to five months ago—to run a winter Head Start program for five months," Donald Oyler, superintendent of the Saugatuck School District, said. "We didn't discontinue the program. We satisfied the conditions agreed to."

Head Start is for children from lower income, disadvantaged families who can't get the proper social background or experience needed to help them adjust to school and their surroundings

March 9, 2000

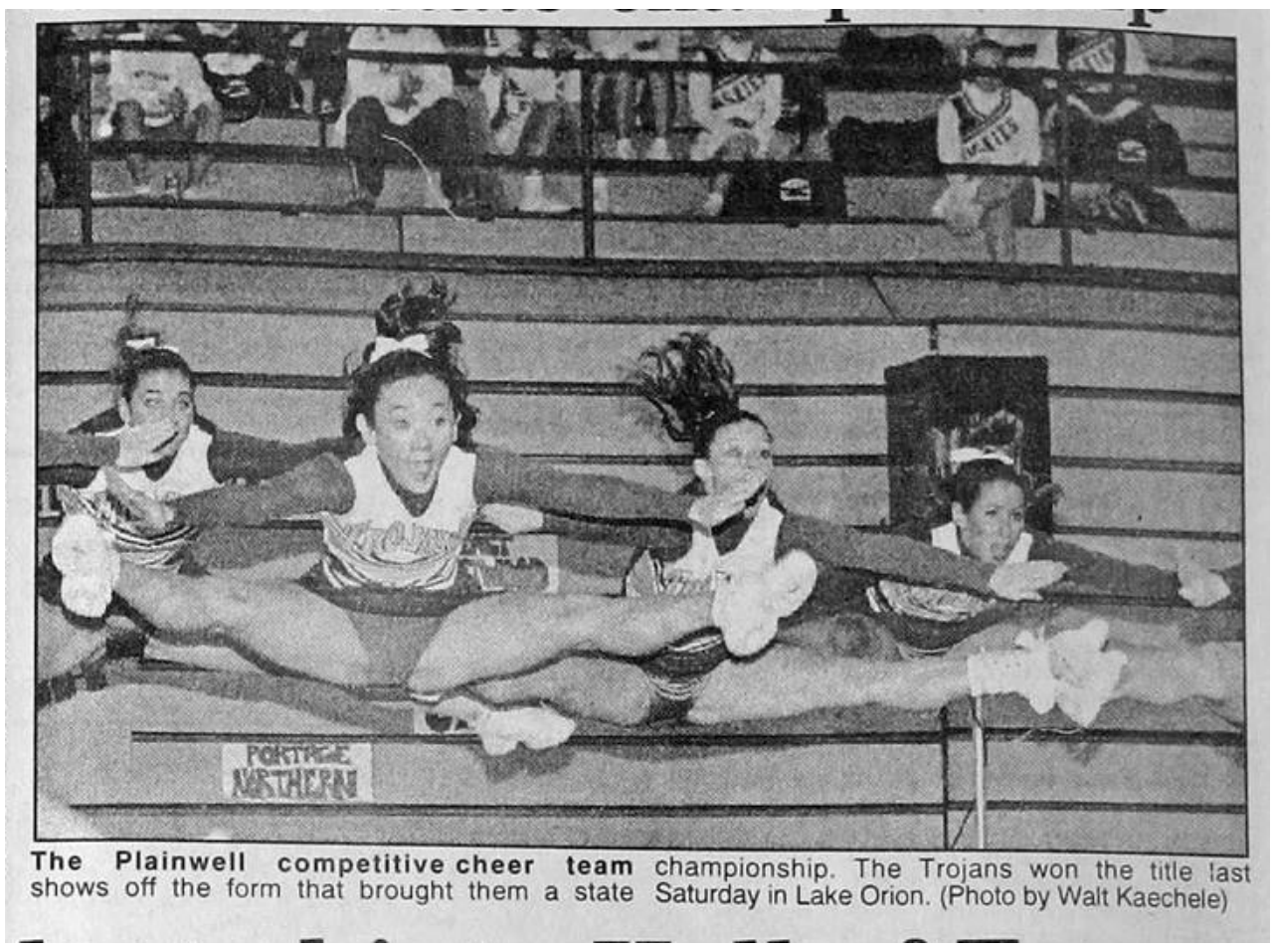
Plainwell competitive cheer team wins state championship: Call it Trojan pride, Plainwell blue or the confidence of a winner, but coach Stacy Smith's Plainwell competitive cheer team had it all and now are state champions.

The Trojans outscored every team in all three rounds to decisively outdistance the rest of the contenders on their way to the Division 2 title.

The championship for the Plainwell girls was more of a quest than a challenge. After a fourth-place finish at the state finals last year, there was a resolve and determination that this year would be the year. To this end, Smith and the team started making preseason preparations.

The team moto during their stretches was, "State, double 'O!' Don't just go!"

This meant the team wanted to win the state title and not just make it back to the finals. A sort of been-there-done-that attitude.



The Plainwell competitive cheer team shows off the form that brought them a state championship. The Trojans won the title last Saturday in Lake Orion. (Photo by Walt Kaechele)

Earlier this year, in anticipation of the state tournament, the Trojans participated in a tournament at Lake Orion to get acquainted with the surroundings before the state championship.

"We competed against every team in the state finals earlier in the season, so we knew what we were walking into at the state.

"Bishop Foley beat us in January, so we knew they would be our toughest competition. We thought we could beat everyone else if we had a good day, but we needed to work hard to beat Bishop Foley."

March 5, 2020

Crafting fun and destressing: Many students sometimes need a "sensory break," say administrators at Allegan Public Schools.

Often, access to something as simple as a squishy stress ball can offer a modicum of help.

Brandy Chestnut, the district's director of special education, said, "What we've noticed throughout the district is a lot of our students need some type of sensory-break material, whether it's in the class, some type of self-regulation, calming jars, putty.

"Something to support that sensory piece in the general education classroom or taking a break."

As a fun way to create those items, the district paired up students at Allegan Alternative High School with special education students and hosted crafting get-togethers at the administration building.

"We paired them with what we'd call a Level 2 classroom," Chestnut said. "These are students with individualized education programs. We've done this with our (Level 2) elementary, middle school and high school classrooms. This is a peer-to-peer program."

The students made materials for themselves but also for other students to use, distributed by teachers so each classroom had a set.

"We know that the price of some of these things can be outrageous," Chestnut said. "So, we have found ways to make them much cheaper and bring kids along to help make them for much less, and we know they enjoy doing it, too."

She said the district is trying to involve the alternative high school students—who volunteer—with other classes in the district about once per month.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Above, Allegan Alternative High School students work with special education middle school students to create sensory break materials such as calming jars and silly putty, available to all students for a bit of stress relief. (Photo by Ryan Lewis)

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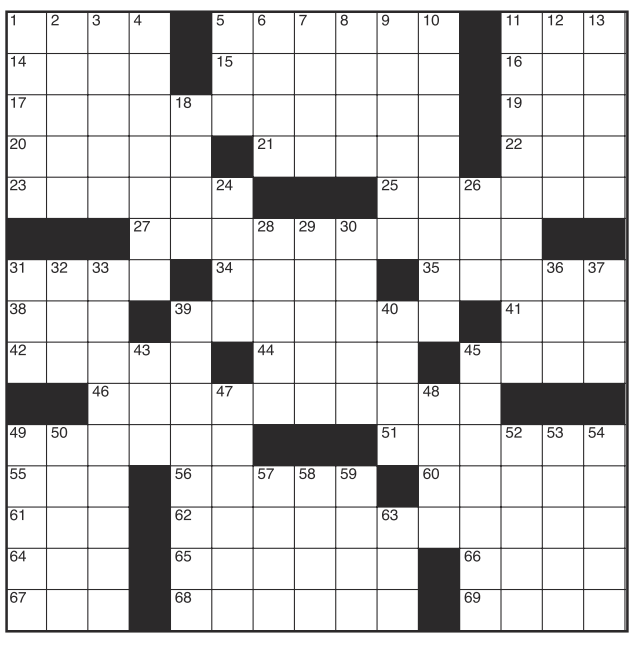

CLUES ACROSS
1. Cut a little bit off
5. State with confidence
11. River in NE Scotland
14. Not narrow
15. Lacking social polish
16. Amount of time
17. Frame
19. Automobile
20. Toadstools
21. High school dances
22. Utilize
23. Challenged
25. One-sided
27. Showing extreme greed
31. Potted plants
34. Everyone has one
35. Lake in Botswana
38. E.T. rode in one
39. JuniorsÕ parents
41. Small amount
42. Mother of Perseus
44. Ornamental box
45. GovÕt investigators
46. Uncertain
49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
51. The vast grassy plains in S. America
55. Your consciousness of your own identity
56. Noted consumer advocate
60. Spanish sports club
61. Body part
62. Tractability
64. Woman (French)
65. Ready and willing to be taught
66. Muslim ruler title
67. Depressed
68. Gradually gave way
69. Clear-thinking

CLUES DOWN
1. Brushed aside
2. Water sprite
3. Ones to look up to
4. Monetary units
5. A number everyone has
6. Marine invertebrate
7. One who takes you to court
8. Indicates outer
9. Parallelograms
10. Strains
11. Cross
12. A way to remove
13. Some pages are dog-__
18. Ukraine city
24. A citizen of Denmark
26. Summer month (abbr.)
28. Hindu queens
29. Jewelry brand
30. Fictional rider of Rohan
31. Wet dirt
32. Russian city
33. Observed
36. Furious
37. DriversÕ licenses
39. Musical composition
40. Auction
43. They __
45. Women
47. Inspire with love
48. Japanese ankle sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The leading performer
53. Type of protein
54. Pennsylvania town
57. Art __: around 1920
58. __ Blyton, childrenÕs author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to sleep

Deaths

Feb. 5, 2025
MARSHALL ALAN GRIGGS, 68, Holland

Feb. 8, 2025
EARL LEE GILLETTE JR, 86, Trowbridge

Feb. 9, 2025
ALAN JOHN FIELD, 88, HOlland

Feb. 13, 2025
EDWARD JOHN MCILHARGIE, 72, Manlius Twp.

Feb. 14, 2025
WILLIAM EDWARD SUTTON, 93, Otsego

Feb. 15, 2025
DREW MICHAEL HARWICK, 68, Ganges Twp.

Feb. 16, 2025
DEAN A RANTZ, 66, Martin Twp.

Feb. 17, 2025
DENNIS WAYNE KEMPKERS, 71, Heath Twp.
SANDRA KAY KENNISON, 83, Plainwell

Feb. 18, 2025
DORA VERONICA GARCIA, 59, Laketown Twp.

Feb. 19, 2025
ROSS LEE HULL, 79, Otsego Twp.

Feb. 21, 2025
YVONNE JOYCE KOPPENAAL, 91, Manlius Twp

Feb. 22, 2025
JAN MEYERS, 85, Holland
PHILIP RAYMOND REGAN JR, 65, Gun Plain Twp

Marriages

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MICHAEL THADDEUS BOJKO, Fennville, and **EDGAR LUNA**, Fennville
ELIJAH BLAKE VELDMAN, Wayland, and **KAIDYN ANNE EATON**, ENCINITAS, CA
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Public Notices

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NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mia) or served outside this state).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demandedin the complaint.

4. If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foraign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangments.

Issue Date 1/27/25
Expiration date: 04/27/25
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING,
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 25-70030-CH
HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK
JEANNE BODFISH as Personal Representative for the ESTATE OF SHEILA ANN GARLOCK, Plantiff

MARJORIE YEREK and
her unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns; and, BENNIE MCANALLY and his unknown Hiers, Devisees and Assigns.

Defendant

Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

At a session of court held in the co use in Allegan County, Michigan, on 2/10/2025

Present: Honorable Matthew Antkoviak

Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the verified motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendants by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A), in that Plaintiff has demonstrated diligent attempts to locate Defendants.

The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(1), that service of process by publication

is the best available method of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff must serve the Defendants by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan.

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
Hon. Matthew Antkoviak
Prepared by: Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Keil, P.C.
By Michael J. Becker P81132
2-20 3-6

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Adam J. Watkins and Daniela M. Watkins, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: December 28, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 6, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $330,409.53

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Trowbridge, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 1 North, Range 13 West, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North along the West line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 24, 522.72 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North along said West line, 797.87 feet; thence East perpendicular to said West line, 647.74 feet; thence South parallel with said West line, 797.87 feet; thence West perpendicular to said West line, 647.74 feet to the point of beginning.

Except the following Parcels A and B:

Parcel A (Southerly portion)

That part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 1 North, Range 13 West described as Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on the West line of said Section, 522.72 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on said West line, 185.75 feet; thence South 73 degrees 59 minutes 56 seconds East, 673.85 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 647.74 feet to the West line of said Section and the point of beginning.

Parcel B (Northerly portion)

That part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 1 North, Range 13 West described as Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 24; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on the West line of said Section, 1320.59 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 50.90 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 596.84 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 200.04 feet; thence North 71 degrees 28 minutes 14 seconds West 629.47 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 435 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010-9788

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 27, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
FILE NO: #-25 70077
ORDER TO ANSWER
HON. Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

THE DAVID C. VANDEBUNTE TRUST,

By David C. VandeBunte, its Trustee and

THE BARBARA A. VANDEBUNTE TRUST, By Barbara A. VandeBunte, its Trustee

Plaintiffs,
Nathan E. Tagg (P68994)
Tripp, Tagg & Storrs, Attorneys at Law
202 South Broadway
Hastings, Michigan 49058
(269) 948-2900
Attorney for Plaintiffs

VS.

IRENE PETERSEN REVOCABLE TRUST,

Defendant.

TO:

Fifth Third Bank-Cincinnati, Ohio as Trustee of the Irene Petersen Revocable Trust

At a session of said court held in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, State of Michigan on the 12 day of February 2025.

PRESENT: HONORABLE Matthew Antkowiak P-59449, Circuit Judge

Based on the pleadings filed in the above entitled case, it is ordered that the Defendant, or any beneficiary of the Irene Petersen Revocable Trust, shall file a Notice of Interest in the above captioned case in real property more fully described as:

PARCEL 8 (FOR GRANTOR'S RECORDS ONLY)

LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF GUN PLAIN

PARCEL 1: THE SOUTH 30 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, AND THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, ALSO: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, THENCE NORTH 1000 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 35' EAST ABOUT 830.5 FEET TO THE INTER-SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY CENTERLINE, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG CENTER OF THE GUN MARSH ROAD TO SOUTH SECTION LINE, THENCE WEST TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL IN SECTION 11; EXCEPT: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, COMMENCING AT THE 1/4 CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 11 AND 14; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59' 28" WEST ALONG THE LINE COMMON TO SECTIONS 11 AND 14, 1210.90 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF MARSH ROAD AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59' 28" WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE 712.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 18' 44" EAST 503.83 FEET TO A CREEK TRAVERSE LINE NEAR THE SOUTHWESTERLY BANK OF A CREEK; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID TRAVERSE LINE THE FOLLOWING COURSES: SOUTH 32 DEGREES 21' 30" EAST 89.53 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 41' 57" EAST 70.78 FEET; SOUTH 52 DEGREES 26' 13" EAST 55.52 FEET; SOUTH 36 DEGREES 43' 09" EAST 101.79 FEET; SOUTH 55 DEGREES 25' 30" EAST 80.18 FEET; SOUTH 70 DEGREES 05' 36" EAST 98.62 FEET; SOUTH 68 DEGREES 38' 24" EAST 54.07 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MARSH ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 02' 17" EAST 33.45 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF MARSH ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 20' 15" WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 75.07 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, INCLUDING THAT AREA LYING BETWEEN SAID CREEK TRAVERSE LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF CREEK, SAID PARCEL SO DESCRIBED, EXTENDS TO THE CREEK CENTERLINE WITH FULL RIGHTS PERTAINING THERETO.

EXCEPT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54' 45" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE, 654.79 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID SECTION LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54' 45" EAST, 93.25 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 18' 44" EAST, 509.97 FEET (PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AS 503.83 FEET; THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 22'21" WEST 549.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17' 11" EAST 749.65 FEET, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GUN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59'28" EAST, 1460.51 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 11 TO THE CENTERLINE OF MARSH ROAD; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 10'58" EAST, 283.94 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES 49'02" WEST, 180.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 43 DEGREES 03'52" WEST, 251.38 FEET TO A TRAVERSE LINE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE CREEK; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 45'02" EAST, 176.14 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF SAID CREEK TO THE CENTERLINE OF MARCH ROAD; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREE 10'58" EAST, 173.35 FEET ALONG CENTERLINE OF MARSH ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL #0308-011-020-00

PARCEL 9 (FOR GRANTOR'S RECORDS ONLY)

PARCEL 2: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF GUN RIVER OFF OF THE SOUTH END OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST.

ALSO: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST.

PARCEL #0308-010-001-00

by May 12,2025 to assert any interest in the above described property. If the Defendants fail to do so that shall constitute a default in the above entitled matter, and on June 9, 2025 at 11:00am in the fore/afternoon, this Court shall take proofs and shall terminate whatever interest the Defendant may have in and to the above described property unless a Notice of Interest in the Real Property is filed in this action or unless Defendants or their representatives appear in the Allegan County Circuit Court at that date and time.

Honorable Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Drafted By:
Nathan E. Tagg (P68994)
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Hastings, Michigan 49058
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Brenda L Thomas
Deputy Clerk
2-27 3-13

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, April 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James A. Laux, A Married Man to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 31, 2014, and recorded on August 18, 2014, in Liber 3858, Page 910, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 21, 2015 and recorded August 25, 2015 in Liber 3957, Page 153, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen and 30/100 ($63,219.30) including interest at the rate of 4.37500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Clyde, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 344.0 feet North of the South 1/8 post of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan; Thence continuing North 208.71 feet; Thence East 417.42 feet; Thence South 208.71 feet; Thence West 417.42 feet to the place of beginning. Also commencing 344 feet North of the South 1/8 post of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan; Thence East 417.42 feet to the place of beginning of this description; Thence North 208.71 feet; Thence East to Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad right of way; Thence Southerly along said railroad right of way to a point 344 feet North of the South Section line; Thence West to beginning. Commonly known as: 1823 57TH ST, FENNVILLE, MI 49408 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: February 27, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00069-1

(02-27)(03-20)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 03, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Dominick Fisher, single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage 1 Incorporated Date of mortgage: July 31, 2020 Recorded on August 11, 2020, Liber 4495, on Page 359, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on February 22, 2023, Liber 4837, on Page 375, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 80/100 Dollars ($116,350.80) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lot 11 of Aspen Acres, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats on Page 48, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 4361 Moore Rd, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(02-27)(03-20)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25- 65503-DE and JUDGE

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Alvin Joseph Schumacher Date of Birth:*01/16/1938

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Alvin Joseph Schumacher, died 01/18/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Julie M. Zomerlei, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

02/28/2025
Richard J. Stolcenberg P33672
5102 Byron Center Ave. SW, Suite D
Wyoming, MI 49519
616-532-1666
Julie M. Zomerlei
4454 26th St
Dorr, MI 49323
616-312-6414

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65509-DE and JUDGE

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Earl L. Gillette Date of Birth:*7/12/38

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Earl L. Gillette , died 2-9-25.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patricia L. Gillette, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03/03/2025
Patricia L. Gillette
616 32nd St.
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 686-9429

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, Michigan, starting promptly at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 17th day of April, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by DAY MOON ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company ("Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated December 15, 2017, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Allegan County, Michigan on January 19, 2018, in Liber 4215, Page 227, as amended by an Amendment to Mortgage dated September 19, 2018, and recorded in the office of the Register od Deeds for Allegan County, Michigan on September 25, 2018, in Liber 4285, Page 142 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 72/100 Dollars ($769,433.72). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Ganges, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Parcel 1: Beginning on the North and South 1/4 line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, at a point 103.00 feet North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East of the South 1/4 post of the Section; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East on said 1/4 West 1/8 line in the Southeast 1/4, 1204.94 feet to the East and West 1/8 line; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds East on said 1/8 line 358.24 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West 1308.36 feet to the South Section line; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West on same 238.83 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East 103.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West, 120.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Beginning on the South line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, at a point 358.83 feet South 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East of the South 1/4 post of the Section; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds East 1308.36 feet to the East and West 1/8 line; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds East on said 1/8 line, 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West parallel with the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1308.53 feet to the South line of the Section; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West on same, 150.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: The East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 and the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, EXCEPT that part lying East of U.S. 31. And also that part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20 which lies Westerly of U.S. 31, EXCEPT that part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20 being described as: Beginning on the East and West 1/8 line of the Southeast 1/4, Section 20 at a point 141.70 feet North 88 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds West of the East line of the Section; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds West on said 1/8 line, 516.54 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minute 30 seconds West 416.88 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds East, 317.58 feet to the center of Blue Star Highway; thence along the center of said highway on a curve to the left with a radius of 2292 feet to the far end of a chord that bears North 25 degrees 43 minutes 20 seconds East, a distance of 458.78 feet to the place of beginning,

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Public Notices

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Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Parcel 4: Beginning on the South line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, at a point 508.83 feet South 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East of the South 1/4 post of the Section; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds East 1308.53 feet to the East and West 1/8 line; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds East on said 1/8 line 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West on the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1308.71 feet to the South line of the Section; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West on same, 150.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 1630 Blue Star Highway, Fennville, Michigan 49408

P.P. 03-07-020-019-11 (Parcel 1); 03-07-020-019-12 (Parcel 2); 03-07-020-027-00 (Parcel 3) and #03-07-020-019-10 (Parcel 4)

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale. If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: March 6, 2025
GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee
Timothy Hillegonds
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150 Ottawa Avenue NW Suite 1500
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 4/17/2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Christopher G. Edwards. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nations Lending Corporation. Date of mortgage: 8/30/2019. Mortgage recorded on 9/6/2019 as Document No. 2019015109, in Liber 4378, Page 597. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nations Lending Corporation. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $90,664.20 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, TOWNSHIP OF TROWBRIDGE. THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST EXCEPT THE EAST 676.0 FEET THEREOF. Commonly known as 3581 109Th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 03/06/2025. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-25-00055
(03-06)(03-27)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
The Settlor, James L. Ferrier DOB:2:17.38 SSN: XXX-XX-6231, who lived at 165 Nop Ln, Wayland, MI 49348 died 1-16-25
There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against James & Rhea Ferrier Trust dated April 15, 2011 as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to Candace Silva & Timothy Ferrier Trustee(s) within 4 months after the date of publication.
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Varnum LLP
Candace Silva & Timothy Ferrier
6315 Timberland Dr.
Dimondale, MI 48821

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
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Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union
Date of Mortgage: May 23, 2018
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 14, 2018
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $197,040.98
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Martin, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the West line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 11 West, Martin Township, Allegan County, Michigan, 1894.07 feet North of the West 1/4 post of Section 20; thence North 125 feet, thence East 200 feet, thence South 125 feet; thence West 200 feet to the point of beginning
Common street address (if any): 1773 10th St, Martin, MI 49070-8711
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 6, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(03-06)(03-27)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ashley N. Rogers, an unmarried woman, whose address is 219 4th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, being a mortgage dated April 1, 2022, and recorded on April 4, 2022 in Liber 4746 Page 448, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 7, 2024 and recorded on February 7, 2024 in Liber 4919 Page 184, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND THIRTY AND 48/100 DOLLARS ($169,030.48). Said premises are situated in the Township of Gun Plain, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one quarter of Section 26, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gun Plain Township, Allegan County, Michigan; commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 26; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 33 seconds West along the West line of Section 26, 412.50 feet to the Place of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 07 minutes 33 seconds West along said West line 198.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds East 320.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 33 seconds East 198.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds West 320.00 feet to the West line of Section 26 and the Place of Beginning. Street Address: 219 4th Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: March 6, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6322
(03-06)(03-27)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the matter of Wayne Robert Oakes, Deceased NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Wayne Robert Oakes, who resided at Ely Manor Nursing Home, 1200 Ely Street, Allega, Michigan 49010, died on January 17, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara Fuerstnau, Personal Representative of the Estate of Wayne Robert Oakes, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. DATED: February 27, 2025 Barbara Fuerstnau c/o Tyler E. Osburn, 601 Three Mile Road, NW Grand Rapids, Michigan 49544 Schenk Boncher & Rypma Attorneys for Personal Representative By: Tyler E. Osburn (P77829) 601 Three Mile Road NW Grand Rapids, Michigan 49544 Telephone: (616) 647-8277
(03-06)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 48TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR ALLEGAN COUNTY
Hon. Matthew Antkoviak
File No. 24-69181
Kevin D. Mustain
Plaintiff,
V
John Merle Teets,
and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISES & ASSIGNS.
Defendants,
Martin Reed (P26028) Attorney for Plaintiff
138 Hubbard St.
Allegan, MI 49010 269-673-8954
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: John Merle Teets, and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES & ASSIGNS
Please be advised that on 10/22/2024, the clerk of the 48th Judicial Circuit entered a Default entry in this case. On Monday, April 28,2025, at 10:30 a.m., we shall appear before the Hon. Matthew Antkoviak, in the Circuit Court of Allegan County, located at 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010, or before such other Judge who may be sitting in his place and stead, and present plaintiff's Motion for Entry of a Default Judgment the Court at that place and time. Copies of the Motion for Entry of Default Judgment and the proposed Judgment are on file with the clerk of the court.
February 27, 2025
Martin Reed Attorney at Law
138 Hubbard St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-8954
Martin Reed, Attorney for Plaintiff

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 24-65205-DE and
JUDGE Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of John Gary Vermeulen
Date of Birth:*March 24, 1953
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John Gary Vermeulen, died July 22, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gladis Vermeulen, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
February 25, 2024
Morgan Maul (P78445)
PO Box 263
Hamilton, MI 49419
(616) 202-2505
Gladis Vermeulen
6110 Riverside Road
Fennville MI 49408
+1 (269) 512-1265

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST
In the Matter of: The Michael A. and Judith L. Melms Trust
TAKE NOTICE: The Michael A. and Judith L. Melms Trust ("The Trust") was established on 06/27/11. The Settlor, Michael A. Melms lived at 2273 114th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010. Michael A. Melms was born on 5/19/1945 and died on 1/22/2025.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Michael A. Melms, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against the Michael A. and Judith L. Melms Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Carl Melms, Successor Trustee, of 1762 118th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: 02/17/2025
David F. Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 24-65365-DE and
JUDGE Hon. Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Arnulfo Alvarez Garcia
Date of Birth:*May 27, 1960
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Arnulfo Alvarez Garcia, died November 01, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kenny E Alvarez , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
February 25, 2025
Morgan Maul (P78445)
PO Box 263
Hamilton, MI 49419
(616) 202-2505
Kenny E Alvarez
788 West Marietta Street NW #605
Atlanta GA 30318
+1 (770) 870-8257

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy A. Stevens and Tari Stevens, husband and wife, to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated November 26, 2002 and recorded January 3, 2003 in Liber 2366, Page 209 and Scrivener's Affidavit recorded on July 6, 2011, in Liber 3528, Page 660, Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two and 92/100 Dollars ($185,582.92).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on APRIL 17, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Dorr, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

The North 124.84 feet of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 4 North, Range 12 West.

4245 21st Street, Dorr, Michigan 49323

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 6, 2025
File No. 25-002709
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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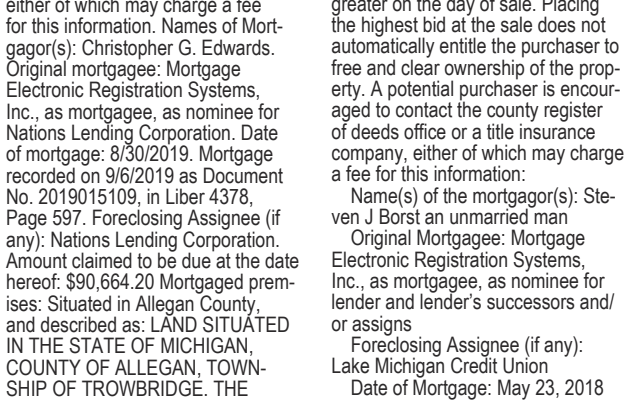

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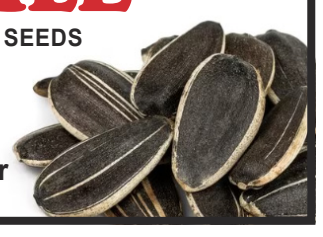

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I would set out for home, knowing that if I had car trouble and a breakdown, it was not likely I would survive. If the wind was blowing snow across the open prairie, they might find what was left of me in the spring. When I think of it now, I wonder 'what was I thinking?' The answer was I probably did not have my brain fully in gear.

The one saving grace on those night was that I would see the barn lights, often a mile or two apart. I would see one ahead, drive past it, and see another one beyond that. I kept telling myself that if I did have car trouble I could walk to the closet farm, either ahead or behind me.

Thinking about it a few years ago, I realized the similarity between farm lights and our relationship with Jesus, especially in difficult times. We move forward by trusting and having faith that Jesus is always with us; always watching over us and protecting us.

There is something else I realized. Yes, Jesus was present and protecting me, but he often uses other people to do some of the work. Whether there had been lights every couple of miles or not; Jesus would still have been watching over me. The farmers who installed and maintained the lights did their part and had a role in this, too.

Far more than we realize, we rely upon others in challenging times. In turn, others rely upon us to be there for them. We are all invited to be part of the Kingdom, or as it is sometimes called, The Realm of Humanity. To give deeply of ourselves is a blessing to others, and an example to those around us.

Do you remember the old Red Green Show? He always concluded with, "I'm pulling for you; we're all in this together." In God's scheme of things, that is so very true.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan

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Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

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412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

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700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
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Pastor Julia Humenik
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At the Master's Feet
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Fr. Simon Manjooran
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Ofc. 269-427-2101

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Craig VanBeek, Pastor
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269-694-9481
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269-672-5746
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
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Fennville, MI 49408
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hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

M-40 North Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Nathan Strom
Church: 673-4412

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
www.martinumc.org

Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI
Pastor Alan Carson
Office: 673-5274
www.mersonchurch.org

Montage Ministries
"A Community in Worship"
Griswold Auditorium
Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Monterey Center United Methodist Church
3022 130th Ave.
Monterey Center, 49328
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
793-7288

Mt. Calvary M.B. Church
5425 105th Ave., Pullman
Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)
Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
8824 Douglas, Kalamazoo
269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
10976 M40 (M40/CR390)
Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal M.I. Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

Restoration Christian Community
Live service 10:00 am Sundays
RestorationChristianCommunity.org
Pastor Austin T Kreutz
269 567 8330

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

The River Flows with Hope and Healing
1652 M-40 North, Allegan
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

Wayland Community Church
502 West Superior, Wayland
(616) 877-6134
Worship Sunday @ 10:30am

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Ash Wednesday
March 5th, 2025

Village Market
FOOD CENTERS
YOUR HOMETOWN STORE

2025: AD EFFECTIVE DATES

MON. MAR. 3	TUES. MAR. 4	WED. MAR. 5	THUR. MAR. 6	FRI. MAR. 7	SAT. MAR. 8	SUN. MAR. 9

Premium
Extra Large Red Seedless Grapes
$1.99 lb.

Halos Clementines
2 lb. bag
$3.99

John Morrell Sliced Bacon
Original or Applewood Smoked
12 oz.
2/$6

Village Market, All Natural
Assorted Pork Loin Chops
$1.49 lb.

Select Varieties
Our Family Canned Vegetables
14.5 - 15.25 oz.
5/$5
Save at least $1.15 on 5

Select Varieties
Ben's Original Ready Rice
8.5 - 8.8 oz.
3/$7
Save at least $1.67 on 3

Select Varieties
Our Family Pasta
12 - 16 oz.
3/$4
Save at least $1.47 on 3

Select Varieties
Totino's Pizza Rolls
50 ct.
$3.99
Save at least $3.00 on 1

Our Family Peanut Butter
Creamy or Crunchy
16 oz.
2/$4
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Eggo Waffles or Pancakes
10 - 12 ct.
2/$5
Save at least $1.00 on 2

Select Varieties
Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese
6 - 8 oz.
(excludes swiss)
BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!
Save at least $3.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Tropicana Orange Juice
Pure Premium or Light
46 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Assorted Varieties
7-Up Products
2 liter
(plus deposit)
BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!
Save at least $2.99 on 2

Fuel Savings!
VILLAGE MARKET XPRESS

We offer you more ways to save in store and at the pump!

save
10¢ PER GALLON
Spend $25 or more in Groceries and Receive 10¢ off each Gallon of Gas! (up to 25 gallons)

save
25¢ PER GALLON
Spend $50 or more in Groceries and Receive 25¢ off each Gallon of Gas! (up to 25 gallons)

best savings
50¢ PER GALLON
Spend $75 or more in Groceries and Receive 50¢ off each Gallon of Gas! (up to 25 gallons)

*Excludes tobacco, lottery, stamps, gift cards, western union, money orders, bottle deposits and sales tax. Limit 1 offer per transaction, per customer. Promo valid 14 days. See store for more details.

We reserve the right to limit quantities. We are not providing rain checks due to supply and demand from the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

Fresh Produce

At Great Prices!

Fresh
Red, Yellow or Orange Bell Peppers
each
3/$4

Select Varieties
Fresh Express Caesar Salad Kits
9.4 - 10.4 oz.
2/$7

Fresh
Strawberries
16 oz.
2/$5

Our Family Yellow Potatoes
3 lb. ..... **2/$5**

Bi-Color Corn
each ..... **5/$3**

Seedless Cucumber
each
2/$3

Cara Cara or Navel Oranges
each ..... **2/$3**

Lemons
each ..... **2/$1**

Organic PRODUCE

Select Varieties
Earthbound Farm Salad Mixes
10 oz.
$4.99

Organic Bananas
88¢ lb.

floral center

Assorted 5" Blooming in Heart and Hand Ceramic
each
$12.99

You Go Girl Bouquet
each
$14.99

Fresh Deli

Boar's Head
Available At Our Allegan Location Only.

Boar's Head Ever Roast Chicken
$11.99 lb.

Boar's Head Genoa Salami ..... **$13.49 lb.**

Boar's Head Chipolte Gouda Cheese ..... **$12.49 lb.**

Boar's Head Colby Jack Cheese
$8.99 lb.

Old Tyme Deli Turkey Breast
Smoked, Cajun or Oven Browned
$8.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

Old Tyme Deli Provolone Cheese
$5.99 lb.
Save at least $1.00 lb.

Old Tyme Deli Sweet Bowtie Pasta Salad .....
Save at least 50¢ lb.
$6.49 lb.

Select Varieties
Roth Havarti Cheese
6 oz. .....
Save at least $1.00
$5.29

Select Varieties
BelGioioso Italian Cheese
5 oz. cup .....
Save at least $1.00
$3.59

Grab 'N Go
16-Piece Deli Fried Chicken
$19.99
Save at least $3.00

Macaroni & Cheese
$4.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

$5.99 Daily Lunch Specials
Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Monday, Mar. 3:
Half Panini of the Day
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Tuesday, Mar. 4:
Chopped Steak
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Wednesday, Mar. 5:
3-Piece Dark Meat Chicken
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Thursday, Mar. 6:
3-Piece Chicken Tenders
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Friday, Mar. 7:
Cod
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Fresh Bakery

Not Available In All Stores.

Fresh Baked
French Bread
16 oz.
$2.99
Save at least 50¢

Season Favorite!
Paczki
4 ct.
$5.99

Fresh Baked
Dinner or Potato Rolls
12 ct.
$3.99
Save at least 50¢

Fresh Baked
Hot Cross Buns
9 ct.
$4.99

Cinnamon Twirls
4 ct.
$5.49
Save at least 50¢

Irish Soda Bread
16 oz.
$3.99

tasty seafood

Fresh
Cod Fillets
$9.99 lb.

Select Varieties
TransOcean Imitation Crab or Lobster
8 oz.
2/$5

Pealed & Deveined
Our Family Jumbo Raw Shrimp
21 - 25 ct., 16 oz.
$8.49

Peeled & Deveined
Tail-On
Our Family Small Cooked Shrimp
61 - 70 ct., 16 oz.
$7.99

Select Varieties
Gorton's Assorted Seafood
9 - 24.5 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!

USDA CERTIFIED TENDER

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Rib-Eye Steak • Rib-Eye Roast • New York Strip Loin Roast • Beef Tenderloin
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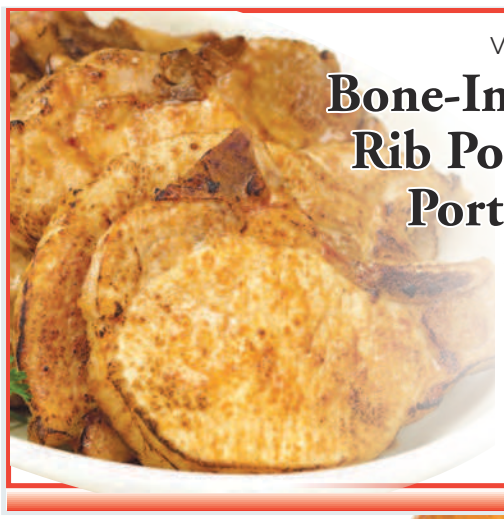
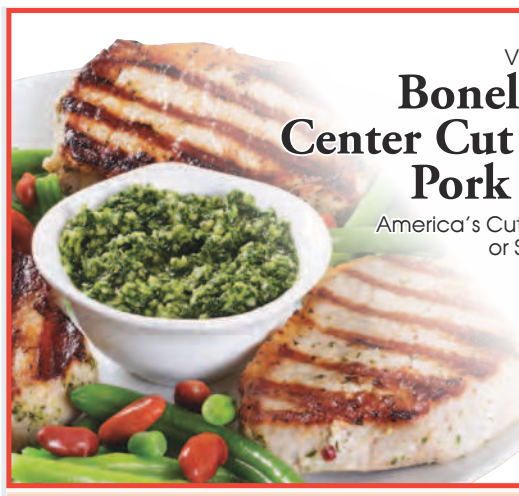


Village Market, All Natural
Bone-In Center Cut Rib Pork Chops or Porterhouse Cut
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE FREE!



Mix or Match
Village Market, All Natural
Boneless Assorted Center Cut or Butterfly Pork Loin Chops
America's Cut, Thin, Pepper Seasoned or Seasoned America's Cut
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE FREE!

Village Market, Certified Fresh
Ground Hamburger
5 lb. or more pkg.
$3.99 lb.

Certified Fresh
Ground Beef from Round
3 lb. or more pkg.
$5.99 lb.

Village Market, All Natural
Boneless Baby Back Ribs
Regular or BBQ
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE FREE!

Boneless Center Cut Half Pork Loin
$2.69 lb.

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Top Round Steak
Family Pack
$6.69 lb.

Boneless Beef Tenderized Top Round Steak
$7.49 lb.

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Rump Roast
$6.49 lb.

Tender Ridge, Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Top Sirloin Steak
$9.99 lb.

Fresh, Previously Frozen
Boneless, Skinless Chicken Thighs
$3.49 lb.

Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Tender Ridge
Boneless Beef Breaded Cube Steak
Family Pack
$7.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made
Mushroom & Swiss Meatloaf
$5.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh
Bulk Original Pork Breakfast Sausage
$3.29 lb.

Village Market, Store Made
Chicago Style Polish Loop Sausage
$3.99 lb.

Select Varieties, Frozen
Bob Evans Sausage Links or Patties (12 oz.)
or **Roll Sausage** (16 oz.)
$3.99

Select Varieties
Bob Evans Side Dishes
12 - 24 oz.
$3.99

Smithfield Prime Fresh Family Pack Turkey Lunch Meat
Oven Roasted or Smoked
16 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
MorningStar Farms Entrées
5.25 - 10.5 oz.
2/$7 When You Buy 2
Lesser or More Qty.'s $4.50 Each

Armour Family Size Meatballs
Original, Beef or Italian
20 - 25 oz.
$5.99

Select Varieties
Ball Park Hot Dogs
14 - 15 oz.
$3.99

BUY 5, SAVE $5 EVENT

BUY ANY FIVE (5) PARTICIPATING ITEMS IN ONE TRANSACTION AND SAVE $5.00

Mix or Match Any of These Participating Items & Save $1.00 Off Each. (Multiples of 5) Will Scan at Register

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Sliced Bacon
12 - 16 oz.

$8.49 - $1.00
$7.49 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs or Franks
(16 oz.) or **Smokies Smoked Sausage**
(14 oz.)

$3.99 - $1.00
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Carving Board or Deli Shaved Lunch Meat
7 - 9 oz.

$5.99 - $1.00
$4.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Oscar Mayer Basics Lunchables
2 - 4.4 oz.

$2.69 - $1.00
$1.69 When You Buy 5.

Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner
Original Only
12 pk., 7.25 oz.

$12.99 - $1.00
$11.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Deluxe Macaroni & Cheese Dinner
10.1 - 14 oz.

$3.49 - $1.00
$2.49 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Maxwell House Ground Coffee
22 - 33.1 oz.

$9.99 - $1.00
$8.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Maxwell House Single Serve
12 ct.

$7.99 - $1.00
$6.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Starbucks K-Cups
(10 ct.) or **Ground** or **Whole Coffee Beans**
(11 - 12 oz.)

$7.99 - $1.00
$6.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Cheez-It Family Size Crackers
Original, Puff'd, Gripz
(9 - 21 oz.) or Variety Pack
(20 ct.)

$5.49 - $1.00
$4.49 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Nabisco Snack Crackers
3.5 - 13.7 oz.

$3.99 - $1.00
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Hellmann's Mayonnaise
Real or Light
(30 oz.) or
Squeeze (20 oz.)

$5.99 - $1.00
$4.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Classico Pasta Sauce
15 - 24 oz.

$3.69 - $1.00
$2.69 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Crystal Light Pitcher Pouches
Lemonade or Peach Tea
12 qt.

$2.99 - $1.00
$1.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
CapriSun Juice Pouches
10 ct.

$3.99 - $1.00
$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Pringles Snack Stacks Potato Crisps
12 ct.

$5.99 - $1.00
$4.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Fiber One or Nature Valley Bars
10 - 12 ct.

$4.99 - $1.00
$3.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Chunk Cheese or Velveeta Shredded Cheese
7 - 8 oz.

$3.29 - $1.00
$2.29 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Cracker Barrel Sliced Cheese
8 oz.

$3.29 - $1.00
$2.29 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kraft Shredded Cheese
7 - 8 oz.

$3.29 - $1.00
$2.29 When You Buy 5.

Philadelphia Cream Cheese
Original or 1/3 Less Fat
8 oz. box

$3.49 - $1.00
$2.49 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Pillsbury Toaster Strudel
(6 ct.) or
Toaster Scambles
(4 ct.)

$2.99 - $1.00
$1.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Ore-Ida Potatoes
19 - 32 oz.

$4.99 - $1.00
$3.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Smart Ones Frozen Dinners
6.49 - 10 oz.

$2.99 - $1.00
$1.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
TGI Fridays Appetizers
8 - 11 oz.

$4.69 - $1.00
$3.69 When You Buy 5.

Bagel Bites Cheese & Pepperoni
9 ct.

$2.99 - $1.00
$1.99 When You Buy 5.

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Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
6 pk., 7.5 oz. cans
(plus deposit)
2/$9

Select Varieties
Powerade Sports Drink
28 oz.
3/$4

Save at least $4.98 on 2
Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)
2/$15

Lesser or More Qty.'s $7.99 Each (plus deposit)
When You Buy 2

Select Varieties
Lay's Potato Chips
(5 - 8 oz.) or **Tostitos Tortilla Chips** (9 - 13 oz.)
2/$8
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
(plus deposit) or **Propel Drinks**
(6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
3/$13
Save at least $6.47 on 3

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
8 pk., 12 oz. btls. or
10 pk., 7.5 oz. sleek mini cans
(plus deposit)
$5.99

Select Varieties
Our Family Juice
64 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $1.78 on 2

Select Varieties
Hostess Multipack Snacks
8 - 12 ct.
2/$6
Save at least $3.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Bai 5 Drinks
(18 oz.) or
Core Hydration
(23.9 oz.)
5/$5
Save at least $4.45 on 5

Coors: Banquet or Light or
Miller: Genuine Draft, Lite or Genuine Draft 64 (12 pk., 12 oz. btls.) or **Coors Light or Miller Lite**
(15 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit)
$12.99
Save at least $2.70 on 1

Select Varieties
On The Border Tortilla Chips
8 - 11 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $3.58 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products (1.25 liter)
(plus deposit) or **Life WTR, Propel** or **Gatorade Water**
(1 liter)
4/$5

Select Varieties
White Claw Hard Seltzer
12 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)
$18.99

Select Varieties
Little Debbie Mini Muffins
8.44 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Monster Energy Drinks
15.5 - 16 oz.
(plus deposit)
$2.39

Select Varieties
Santero Wine
750 ml
$9.99

Select Varieties
Our Family Broth
32 oz.
2/$4

Select Varieties
Aunt Millie's Bread
Healthy Goodness Diet (20 oz.), Healthy Goodness (16 oz.) or **Deli Super** or **Mini Sub Buns** (6 - 8 ct.) or **English Muffins** (6 ct.)
2/$6
Save at least $1.18 on 2

Select Varieties
General Mills Cereal
8.9 - 14 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Our Family Tall Kitchen Trash Bags with Drawstring
20 ct.
$3.69
Save at least $2.30 on 1

Our Family Snap & Seal Sandwich Bags
100 ct.
$2.99

Fresh & Soft Hamburger or Hot Dog Buns
8 ct.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Cereal
7.8 - 12.6 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Rachael Ray Nutrish Dog Food
13 - 14 lb.
$21.99
Save at least $5.00 on 1

Our Family Albacore Tuna
in Water (5 oz.) Select Varieties
Pasta Roni (4.6 - 6.2 oz.) or **Rice-A-Roni** (4.3 - 7.2 oz.)
3/$5
Save at least 67¢ on 3

Our Family Paper Towels
(6 ct. roll) or **Cottonelle Bath Tissue**
Ultra Clean or Ultra Comfort
(6 ct. mega roll)
$6.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

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Select Varieties
Coffee mate Coffee Creamer
64 oz.
$6.99
Save at least 70¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Country Fresh Cottage Cheese, Dips or Sour Cream
16 oz. tub or 12 oz. squeeze
2/$4
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Our Family 1% Lowfat or Fat Free Milk
gallon
2/$7
Save at least 98¢ on 2

TruMoo Flavored Milk
1% or Whole
Chocolate, Strawberry or Seasonal
64 oz.
$2.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Pillsbury Biscuits or Rolls
8 - 16.3 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Our Family Half & Half
16 oz.
$1.99
Save at least 40¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Chobani Yogurt
Greek, Low Fat, Zero or Flips, 4 ct.
$4.99
Save at least $1.50 on 1

Dutch Farms Parmesan Cheese
Shredded or Grated
5 oz. cup
2/$5
Save at least $2.48 on 2

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
Hudsonville Ice Cream
48 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
DiGiorno Pizza
Detroit Style (20.9 - 22.3 oz.),
Hand Tossed (17.3 - 18.9 oz.),
12-inch Original Rising (24.6 - 29.9 oz.),
Thin (20.6 - 21.9 oz.) or Croissant (22.5 - 23.5 oz.)
$6.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Skinny Cow Ice Cream Sandwiches
Vanilla & Chocolate (6 ct.), Select Varieties
Nestlé Drumstick Ice Cream Cones (4 ct.) or **Wonka Push Up Bars** (9 ct.)
$4.99
Save at least $1.50 on 1

New York Texas Garlic Toast or Garlic Breadsticks
10.5 - 11.25 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $1.38 on 2

Select Varieties
Banquet Chicken
24 - 30 oz.
$4.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Lean Cuisine Frozen Entrées
6 - 11.5 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Stouffer's French Bread Pizza
Pepperoni or Deluxe
11.75 - 12.75 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $2.78 on 2

Select Varieties
Birds Eye Skillets
35 - 42 oz.
$6.99
Save at least $3.00 on 1

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White Rain Sale

Select Varieties
White Rain Shampoo or Conditioner
15 oz.
2/$3

Select Varieties
White Rain Body Wash
12 oz.
2/$3

Select Varieties
White Rain Men's or Women's Deodorant
2 - 2.25 oz.
2/$3

White Rain Shampoo & Conditioner Kids 3-in-1 Body
12 oz.
2/$3

Tom's of Maine Bar Soap
Creamy Coconut or Lavender
5 oz. **$5.99**

Select Varieties
Tom's of Maine Toothpaste
(4 oz.) or **Fresh Mint Mouthwash** (16 oz.) **$6.99**

Tom's of Maine Shark Fruity Frenzy Gummies
5.29 oz. **$4.69**

Select Varieties
Tom's of Maine Deodorant
3.25 oz. **$7.99**

TopCare

Select Varieties
TopCare Mouth Rinse
32 - 33.8 oz.
$3.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Children's Liquid Asprin (4 oz.) or **Chews** (24 ct.)
$4.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Foaming Hand Soap
7.5 oz.
2/$5

TopCare Smooth Orange Fiber Powder
30.4 oz.
$10.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Loratadine or Cetirizine Allergy
4 oz.
$7.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Adult Cold & Flu Liquid (12 oz.) or **Softgels** (24 ct.)
$5.99

TopCare Child Nite Cough Relief with Dark Honey
4 oz.
$5.99

TopCare Hemorrhoidal Ointment (2 oz.) or **Suppositories** (12 ct.)
$5.99

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9V (2 ct.), AAA or AA (8 ct.) or C or D (4 ct.) **$6.99**

TopCare Triple Size Cotton Balls
200 ct. **$2.29**

Select Varieties
Gold Bond Lotion
13 - 14.5 oz. **$10.99**

Select Varieties
Softsoap Hand Soap
50 oz. **$7.39**

Select Varieties
Irish Spring Soap Bar
8 ct. **$8.99**

Select Varieties
SlimFast High-Protein Drinks
4 ct.
$8.99

Select Varieties
Gold Bond Lotion
5.5 - 6.5 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Halls Cough Drops
25 - 30 ct.
$2.69

Pepsodent Cavity Protection Toothpaste
5.5 oz.
2/$3

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Seafood Sale!

Prices Effective: Friday & Saturday
March 7 & 8, 2025 - 11am - 5pm
Allegan location only.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Atlantic Chilean Salmon Fillet

$10.99 lb.

Aquabest Tilapia Fillets

$7.99 lb.

Black Pearl Cajun Butter Cod

10 oz.

$11.99

Black Pearl Blackened Cod

10 oz.

$11.99

Black Pearl Walleye Portions

8 oz.

$8.99

Lobster Tail

4 oz.

$8.99

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Seafood Sale!

Prices Effective: Friday & Saturday
March 7 & 8, 2025 - 11am - 5pm
Allegan location only.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Sea Scallops

$23.99 lb.

Raw Shrimp

16 - 20 ct.

$9.99 lb.

Tail-On

Extra Large Cooked Shrimp

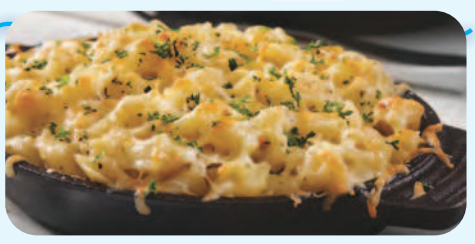
26 - 30 ct., 12 oz.

$6.99

Gourmet Lobster Mac & Cheese

14 oz.

$4.99



Homestyle Lobster Mac & Cheese

14 oz.

$4.99

Black Pearl Crab Cake

2.75 oz.

2/$5